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JCRC brief asks both languages be official

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL –

The Joint Community Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith has submitted a brief to the Quebec government calling for French and English as the official languages in the province. It was highly critical of the government's controversial Bill 22.

The brief said a number of provisions in the bill are cause for great anxiety.

"We view with particular dismay and apprehension the provisions of the bill which institute a Francization program encouraging favoritism, discrimination, abuse of authority and, indeed, corruption," it said.

Chaired by Joel Pinsky, the JCRC met for intensive deliberations at the beginning of June, hearing submissions from Jewish organizations and soliciting views on a number of issues in the bill.

According to the JCRC, the brief represents "the preponderant, though not unanimous, opinion of the Jewish community in Quebec."

Dr. Jean-Claude Lasry, president of the Association Sepharade Francophone, told **The Canadian Jewish News** a subcommittee of the JCRC originally upheld French as Quebec's only official language, but the policy was reversed by the committee-at-large.

The Francophone leader also upheld the view that immigrants should be directed to the French-language education stream -- the most severely contested aspect of the proposed legislation.

In recent weeks English language groups have vehemently protested aspects of the proposed law for attempting to deny parents language choice rights in education, and because of certain business guidelines which are susceptible to corruption.

The brief urges both English and French be the province's official languages. As the "French official" item is likely to be passed into law, the brief represents a rare occurance when Jewish views are running counter to a major government policy.

The JCRC brief, however, stressed that French should be the pre-eminent language of work and communication in the province.

The submission recommended that Bill 63 -- the law giving parents language choice rights -- be retained.

"The present projected bill does not provide for any guarantee for the continuation of instruction of English within the school system.

THREE DOUBLE BUNDLES OF JOY

Doctors at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital worked at a "double time" pace recently as three sets of twins were born within 3 1/2 hours. Experts could not recall a similar case of triple twin births in one day, let alone in the space of a morning. One obstetrician stated that the odds against the multiple births were as large as if the six had been born together as sextuplets. All mothers and infants were reported in good health following the double births in this veteran hospital. Two sets of the twins were girls, the other were boys.

New Central Region head has plan to end conflict with Welfare Fund

By RUTH KAHANE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO –

Areas of conflict between Congress and the United Jewish Welfare Fund are increasing and must be headed off at the pass, Milton Harris, new chairman of CJC's Central Region says.

The Welfare Fund, the body that raises and allocates community funds, "wants to scrutinize Congress' budget more and more and doesn't really have the right to look into our programs," Harris asserted.

The confrontation arises because the Welfare Fund "makes attempts at paring Congress' budget while their own programing budget goes through with clear sailing," he told **The Canadian Jewish News** in an interview.

The solution Harris promotes is to have the functions of the community under one umbrella -- to have a single body to judge all projects on an objective priority basis. "I don't intend to try to pound a square peg into a round hole," he remarked, "but to change the size of the hole somewhat."

A native of London, Ont., Harris, 45, was active as president of the London Liberal Association, president of the London Jewish Community Council, and president of the board of education before he came to Toronto five years ago. He is now the national chairman of the finance committee of the Liberal Party of Canada.

An advocate of the right of parochial schools to receive government grants to cover the cost of secular portions of education, Harris was responsible for having this policy effected in London, Ont.

He explained this is a matter based on local option. If there is community consensus and a bill is put to the board of education on the local level, the minister of education agrees.

Congress has been lobbying at the provincial level on the parochial school issue for the last few years. Harris said he believes "there is roughly a community consensus on these matters, and in theory we have the support of the churches, but Congress' lobbying has been very largely ineffective so far at the provincial level."

Harris, who said he "has never been a steward of the status quo," wants to lead the Jewish community to the effecting of these educational rights, "because we cherish the native heritage of all major groups in this multicultural society, and we should not take a second place to any other grouping. The government owes us the funding of the secular part of our schools -- the grant should follow the child."

Another priority in his plans for the coming year is to improve the position of rural communities in the Central Region. He said representatives from the out-of-Toronto community should be on the regional council, and this body should hold town-hall type meetings several times a year to strengthen their function as a legislative body. At present the council meets about two times a year and most of the power is in the hands of the executive.

A thorough-going study of CJC's committee structure is also forthcoming. Harris wants to investigate the need for new committees, take a look at personnel, and see where each committee is going.

Milton Harris

An important step for Congress, Harris said, would be "to include the public in our deliberations. The only way to do this in a mass society is to allow the responsible Jewish press to cover our executive meetings, so the community knows our people represent different concerns."

He said good press coverage would promote heightened interest in Congress and attract more active young leadership. Now, he pointed out, "most new people go to work for the Welfare Fund because that's where they perceive the power in the community to be.") Harris said he believes "the concept of Congress is the best instrument for developing a viable Jewish life in Canada."

Harris, a commerce and finance graduate from University of Toronto, is in the steel construction business. He heads J. Harris and Sons Ltd., a public company originally started by his grandfather in London as a scrap-iron business. His wife, Ethel, a Torontonian, is completing her second PhD (one in Political Science, one in English), and their three sons attend University of Western Ontario, and Brandeis, and York universities.

Shaarei Tefillah had a joyous Sunday celebration recently which included the burning of the congregation's second mortgage. From left are Murray Frieberg, synagogue president; Rabbi Bernard Rosenzweig, former rabbi of the Bathurst Street congregation, and its current rabbi, Meyer Berglas. See story on Page 6. (Gadi Hoz photo)

Chief of staff warns Lebanon

TEL AVIV (JCNS) –

A warning to Lebanon that it would be "turned into an open battlefield" if foreign troops and missiles were allowed on its territory to defend Palestinian terrorist bases against Israeli attacks, was made by Israel's Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General Gur.

Gen. Gur accused the terrorists of resorting to a new level of barbarianism, mercilessly killing Israeli women and children from sanctuaries inside Lebanon. "Our first job is to defend Israelis. The Lebanon has an army which could move against the terrorist bases in the country, and in their many headquarters in Beirut and other big cities. The Lebanon would be taking a big risk to allow foreign forces on its territory to try and stop us striking at those bases," said Gen. Gur.

Israel, reiterated Gen. Gur, reserved its option to strike first in the event of another war. "Whether we strike first or not depends on conditions. We have the armed forces trained so that the government can be free to make the choice. Many people talked about the fact that we did not strike first in the October war, but I do emphasize this does not mean there has been a change of policy.

Israel, he said, had learned many lessons from the October war and was now better organized and equipped and "I think the Arab countries know it."

City's Jewish library requires more funds; lags behind Montreal

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Associate Editor

TORONTO –

Toronto is lagging far behind Montreal in community support of its public library, although it's generally accepted the Jewish community here has caught up or surpassed the Quebec metropolis in many key areas.

Montreal boasts spanking new library facilities in Cummings House with 110,000 volumes, a yearly circulation of 91,000 and $225,000 received annually from the Allied Jewish Community Services (that city's welfare fund). Toronto has a second-floor operation in an old building in a poor location with 25,000 volumes, a circulation of 25,000 a year and a grant of $42,000 from the United Jewish Welfare Fund.

The Montreal library, which also gets a total of $14,000 in grants from the city and provinces, has 11 full-time librarians while Toronto has two.

The Canadian Jewish News investigated to find out whether the library here is starved for funds and, if so, why.

"We want to render a better service, but you can't make a fist without fingers," quipped Israel Frankel, library executive-director, commenting on the need for more money.

But Welfare Fund officials emphasized allocations were a matter of community priorities. And they offered a number of criticisms regarding the library, including poor use of volunteer staff, a bad location (on Glen Park Road, two blocks off Bathurst) and failure "to plug into" other community services.

However, one veteran community observer, who has attended many allocations meetings, says it boils down to the fact that the library does not have enough "big money men" on its board in order to have the clout with the fund-dispersing committee.

Both Frankel and Meyer Feldman, library board chairman, said the persons who make the decisions regarding allocation should be familiar with the institution and its importance in keeping people attached to Judaism. These people are not familiar with the JPL, says Frankel, who was more outspoken during the interview than his chairman. Frankel is retiring in October.

Said Frankel: "Never in the nearly 20 years of the library has a president of the UJWF come here while he was in office. I've invited every one, but not one took up the invitation."

Last year (June '73 – June '74), out of the $42,000 received from the UJWF, $4,500 went towards rent of the Glen Park quarters. The library occupies the second floor and part of the basement of a building which houses a number of community agencies. (For this year, the library is asking for $52,000.)

About $31,000 went for salaries of the director, his assistant and three part-timers, and $2,500 was spent on maintenance. That left $4,000 for postage, printing and machinery upkeep.

The rest of the money needed for purchasing books comes from fines, bereavement cards, memberships, (10c a card), and private donations.

All monies collected from private contributors go towards the purchase of books.

Although the library's budget has quadrupled since 1956, it feels it badly needs funds for additional professional help and cultural programs.

The library claims it is unique in North America because it's an independent library specializing in Judaica. It says the Montreal library is a general one run by the Jewish community.

"But we specialize only in Judaica," says Frankel. "And we are patronized by about 7,000 families annually. Approximately 18,000 persons used the library last year."

In an interview, UJWF Executive Vice-President Ben Schneider said: "That the library is an important function of the community is without doubt, true. However, it has to establish its importance in comparison to other agencies, how it relates to other institutions and how it plugs into other services . . ."

He strongly emphasized the library has to be located at a place completely visible and accessible to the community. "You just don't see other public libraries in places such as the Jewish Public Library," he said.

And he intimated the library may find a home in a new UJWF building if and when it gets new quarters on Bathurst Street north.

Another problem with the library is that it has never developed a volunteer core, commented Schneider.

Asked about the $4,500 rent charge, UJWF Treasurer David Rotenberg told The CJN in a phone interview that all community agencies pay rent for their quarters.

As to the library's desire for more funds for cultural programs, both Rotenberg and Schneider declared other community bodies have such events, including the YMHA, synagogues, Board of Jewish Education and Congress. The former Toronto executive alderman also remarked the Montreal library operates programs offered by other groups in the city.

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Creed, Gwartz head UJA drive

TORONTO –

Two key appointments for the 1975 UJA campaign were announced this week by Stephen E. Berger, president of the United Jewish Appeal of Metropolitan Toronto and Phil Granovsky, president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto.

Eddie Creed will serve as chairman of the campaign, which opens in November of this year.

Jack Gwartz will be chairman of the campaign planning committee, which plans and co-ordinates the annual campaign.

The appointments were revealed at the annual UJA evaluation meeting, attended by more than 50 of the 1974 campaign leaders. Murray B. Koffler, the 1974 chairman, reported on Creed's appointment. Dr. Gerald Halbert, chairman of the planning committee for the past two campaigns, reported the appointment of Jack Gwartz.

Chairman of Toronto's First President's Mission, which visited Israel under the auspices of President Ephraim Katzir immediately after the Yom Kippur War, Eddie Creed first became actively involved with the United Jewish Appeal when he participated in a study mission in 1960.

Creed says he is not a "constant worker" but "rises to the occasion during an emergency." He agreed to accept the chairmanship of the First President's Mission last summer long before the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War. When war broke out, he added the responsibility of handling the campaign amongst the Jewish golf clubs, repeating the

Eddie Creed

Jack Gwartz

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They speak from the heart

The Israelis in our midst

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
(Final of three parts)

TORONTO –

The Israeli expatriate community of Toronto is a variegated one, composed of Oriental Jews and Western Jews, of economically secure Jews and insecure Jews, of educated Jews and non-educated Jews.

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Etti Lazarov, 26, a recent arrival in Toronto, was born in Sofia, Bulgaria, and lived in Jaffa with her parents until she married a Canadian and left the country. A professional teacher, she holds a licence in pedagogy and an M.A. in English Literature from Tel Aviv University. She teaches English to immigrants at a college in Toronto.

Asked whether she has adjusted to Canada, Etti answered:

"I never think in these terms. I came to Canada because I married a Canadian who preferred to live in Canada. I'd rather think of my stay here -- as long as it may be -- as a prolonged trip. Maybe it's an illusion, but it's convenient.

"And yet this is not entirely accurate. The fact that I'm speaking to you is a sign of adjustment. I say this because I wouldn't have answered your question a few months ago -- so bitter was I then. But now -- I guess -- time is affecting me and, like a fish that has been thrown on dry land, I'm beginning to reach for some water."

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Nilli and Yehuda Nachman have been here since 1969. Yehuda, a bluff, outgoing man of 28, a former officer in the merchant marine, now

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World News

Gen. Mordechai Piron, chief rabbi of the Israel army, presented each of 30 Bar Mitzvah boys at Kfar Yavetz with a tefilin set. The present was a gift of the Israeli defence forces. (Photo from IPPA agency)

Israel institute develops gem 'fingerprint' device

REHOVOT –

Stolen gems can now be as easily identified by their "fingerprints" as the burglar who steals them, thanks to a device developed by scientists in the Weizmann Institute's electronics department.

The reflections and refractions that are the source of the gem's glittering beauty also create a unique pattern, or "fingerprint" by which each precious diamond, emerald, sapphire, can be identified. Charles Bar-Isaac, Prof. Ephraim Frei, the Benjamin Abrams Professor of Electronics, and Prof. Shmuel Shtrikman, the Samuel Sebba Professor of Applied Physics, have developed a simple optical system for making a photographic record of this light pattern derived from the stone's inherent imperfections, which can then be used for positive identification of the gem simply by making another record and comparing the two. Extensive experiments on a large number of gems, together with statistical estimates indicate that the probability of two gems having identidical "fingerprints" -- no matter how similar they appear to the naked eye -- is less than the likelihood of finding two identical human fingerprints.

The invention now makes it possible to present the purchaser of any precious stone with a certificate containing the gem's "fingerprint". Should the stone later be lost or stolen and then recovered and re-photographed, a comparison of this new "fingerprint" with the original could be used, in court if necessary, as positive proof of ownership. The gem "fingerprint" should prove indispensible for settling the frequent disputes between jewellers and customers who claim the stone returned after setting and cleaning is not the same one they left; for diamond dealers, insurance companies, and in police work.

A prototype of the Gem Fingerprinter, containing a light source, shutter, lens, film holder, and motorized gem holder adaptable for any size gem, set or unset -- all lined up to fit into a light-proof container about the size of a bread-box -- was built in the electronics' department workshops. The crucial feature of the apparatus which assures its absolute ability to reproduce the "fingerprint" is a specially designed mechanism for identically positioning the gem each time it is photographed. The whole process of "fingerprinting" a gem takes less than two minutes when Polaroid film is used, and an untrained person can learn to expertly operate the apparatus in less than an hour.

Seat pricing is questioned

LONDON (JCNS) –

A strong attack on the "class" system of pricing seats in some British Orthodox synagogues is made in an editorial comment in this month's issue of the north-west London Hendon Reform Synagogue's magazine **HRS News**. It refers to a recent announcement that Marble Arch (West London) Synagogue male members face an increase in fees to $225 for the most expensive seats and $75 for the cheapest. The magazine asks: "On whose standard is a best seat' judged?" and adds "does God hear them more clearly from there?"

"Does God answer them more readily from the front row and if so, why are some millionaires so miserable?" are other questions asked.

"There is not a member of our synagogue who would swap places for a seat at Marble Arch -- albeit in the front row, for in Hendon, and indeed in every other Reform or Liberal synagogue, you can sit in the front row, gzint a heit if you so desire -- but unless your son happens to be having a bar mitzvah that Shabbat, who wants to?"

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Newcomers make impact on Israeli sports scene

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
Israel correspondent

REHOVOT –

When an Israeli basketball coach wants to give his players a pep talk, he will probably do it in English, while a local coach encouraging boxers or wrestlers will, almost certainly, switch from Hebrew to Russian.

Immigrants, particularly from the U.S. and the USSR, have made a substantial impact on Israeli sports over the last few years. Israeli basketball, once second rate, is now almost up to international standards thanks to the efforts of two dozen Americans, the most notable being Tal Brodie, captain of league-leader Maccabi Tel Aviv. Tal, recently named sportsman of the year, has become very much part of the local scene, with his own Sabra wife and Tel Aviv sports goods shop. Though some Negro players have been imported, most clubs try to attract Jewish athletes in the hope that they, like Tal Brodie, will settle here permanently.

Newcomers from Eastern Europe have practically taken over sports like boxing and wrestling, while playing a smaller, though significant, role in other branches. When the Israeli national handball team last month took on Japanese handballers, to whom they lost by a small margin, a Russian and a Czech were responsible for most of the Israeli goals.

Local soccer, Israel's most popular sport, has been strengthened by the addition of several fine players from the Soviet Union, notably Yuri Tiomken of Hapoel Tel Aviv, Leon Gross of Hapoel Haifa and Boris Norman of Hapoel Petah Tikva, who also plays with the national 11.

The major teams maintain a network of "spies" among Russian immigrants, so they will know in advance when a sports star is due to arrive from the Soviet Union. Then, if possible, they sign him up at the airport, before he can be grabbed by another club.

Jewish sportsmen from Russia, who are immediately denied access to athletic facilities once their desire to emigrate becomes known to the authorities, usually require from six months to a year to regain their old form, if they manage to do so at all. However, if they are good enough, local clubs are willing to wait, in the meantime helping them to obtain housing, scholarships, employment, etc.

In point of fact, immigrant sportsmen have fewer adjustment difficulties than most other newcomers, because not only do they receive material support, but also, and more important, they gain immediate social acceptance.

A recent survey by Prof. Judish Shuval of the Hebrew University showed that while 85% of Russian immigrants are happy with their housing, often better than they had in Moscow or Riga, over 1/3 are dissatisfied with their jobs and/or social life. Neither of these areas are problematic for sports stars from the Soviet Union. By joining a local team they enter into a ready-made social framework, with teammates who will help them to learn Hebrew, get a good job or even meet a nice girl.

While Israeli teams, thanks to immigrant sportsmen, are starting to reach international standards, they find it increasingly difficult to compete in the international arena.

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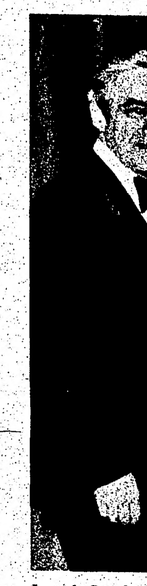

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Joseph Segal of Vancouver (third from left) received the distinguished service award at the annual dinner of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America at New York. Others from left are Moses I. Feuerstein, Joseph Karasick, Harold Jacobs, UOJCA president, and Rabbi Marvin Hier, Schara Tzedeck, Vancouver.

Vancouver businessman honored by Orthodox congregational group

NEW YORK -

Joseph Segal, past president of Vancouver's Congregation Schara Tzedeck and giant of the Canadian business world was honored at the recent 76th annual national dinner of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America in New York City. He was the recipient of the UOJCA Distinguished Service Award.

The gala event, which brings together representatives of the Orthodox community from across the continent, honors the most outstanding lay leaders for their accomplishments. This year, in addition to the presentation of the UOJCA Kether Shem Tov Award of Philip Belz of Memphis, the UOJCA Distinguished Service Award to Joseph Segal of Vancouver, and 10 UOJCA Presidents Awards, the evening was capped by the presentation of the UOJCA Humanitarian Award to Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota.

According to Harold M. Jacobs, president of the UOJCA, the award was presented as a special tribute to Senator Humphrey, in recognition of a lifetime of dedication to public service, and humanitarian and Jewish causes. After accepting the award, Senator Humphrey delivered a rousing speech, calling for a return to religious values in America, and the strengthening of its pluralistic heritage.

JNF dinner will fete Paul Martin

WINDSOR -

The Jewish community of Windsor will honor one of Canada's foremost personalities at the Negev Dinner to be held on July 31, at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue.

This most prestigious tribute is to be accorded to Paul Martin, the government leader in the Senate, as well-merited recognition of his distinguished leadership in both the domestic and external spheres.

In making this announcement, Melvin Sorffer, president of the Jewish National Fund of Windsor, also said the Negev Dinner chairman will be Jacob (Jake) D. Geller, the recipient of the award in 1973.

Said Geller on his appointment: "We are uniquely privileged to honor Senator Martin who, over four decades of remarkable public service to this nation, has acquired an enviable record of accomplishments as a renowned statesman, dedicated humanitarian, champion of international understanding and a proven friend of Israel. Our honoree has consistently displayed the highest standard of excellence in the pursuit of the common good, characterized by a strong belief in the fellowship of man and a deep sense of personal integrity. He has earned the respect and affection of people in all walks of life and we are delighted to express our collective gratitude to this truly great Canadian at a Negev Dinner in his home town of Windsor."

Paul Martin

Senator Martin has held key ministerial portfolios (health and welfare, external affairs), was chairman of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations, president of NATO, and representative at numerous international and Commonwealth gatherings, and a negotiator of important treaties and trade arrangements.

The proceeds from the event will be used by the Jewish National Fund to create the Paul Martin Forest as a major component of Canada Park -- a 7,500 acre recreational complex now being developed in the heartland of Israel, mid-way between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

Hospital's fear of law is proven premature

From our Quebec bureau

MONTREAL -

Outgoing Jewish General Hospital President Arthur Pascal told an annual meeting audience last week that fears concerning Quebec's new health and social service law Chapter 48 on the Jewish General have proven premature.

"There have been no changes in direction of our long-established goals . . . and we will continue to provide the quality of service for which we have always striven," he stated.

The JGH has encountered delays in obtaining provincial approval for some important projects following last year's massive overhaul of hospital legislation, but the situation is improving, he said.

"Critical priorities remain in the development of improved facilities and correction of obsolescence of equipment. I refer particularly to the hoped-for establishment of a breast centre, approval of which has been postponed by the government for the time being," he added.

Pascal told the institution's 40th annual meeting that better communication with Quebec government officials is reducing the delays.

He also mentioned a delay in the "application for purchase of greatly-needed x-ray equipment," which has been "under consideration by the government for a very lengthy period, and we have only recently received final approval."

Pascal noted that "during the year we were designated as one of the hospitals in the English speaking sector to receive obstetrical patients -- in view of our admissions rate during 1972.

"Anticipating a large increase in obstetrical admissions and newborns, we have submitted to the government detailed plans for enlargement of our intensive care area for premature and other infants requiring specialized care. Government approval is still being awaited, causing deep concern . . ."

He indicated that the hospital is determined to maintain its unique character in terms of Jewish practises and traditions, yet within the framework of its role as a public institution defined in the new law.

Hamilton has new BB president

Lawyer catalyzes community

By M. WOLPERT
Hamilton correspondent

HAMILTON -

Forgive Bill Morris if he looks down on you. It's not conceit but a simple matter of height. At 6' 6" he has little choice and if there are moments when he envies the little fellow who can disappear in a crowd, he doesn't let on. He prefers to look on the positive side and for William Morris, this imposing height is a distinct advantage in the courtroom. In fact, he points out with some pride that he is partner in the tallest law firm in Hamilton, the other two being (in order of height) Lawrence J. Cohen, 6' 5", and Milt Lewis, the shortest of the three at 6' 2".

But even if he weren't that tall it would be hard to overlook Morris, who is the new president-elect of B'nai B'rith District 22, comprising Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes. Next year he will be president, the first from an area outside of Toronto or Montreal.

It's sheer hard work and dedication that count and Morris can lay claim to plenty of both. Dr. J.J. Shekter, president of the Hamilton Jewish Federation, describes him as "someone who is extremely willing to take on responsibility . . . a dynamic and aggressive personality . . ."

He worked his way up in B'nai B'rith through secretary -- treasurer, third and second vice-president, is a past president of the Hamilton Lodge and retiring chairman of the League of Human Rights, Central Region. The strength of B'nai B'rith, Morris says, lies in its involvement with its own communities.

William Morris

Locally he has been president of the Council of Jewish Organizations (now the Hamilton Jewish Federation) for three years, chairman of the UJWF for two years and its president for the past three. He is also a trustee of the Hamilton Law Association and director of the Hamilton Medical-Legal Society. Called to the bar in 1960, he was appointed a QC in 1972.

Hamilton was never highly regarded on the national scale as a city of givers and some criticism was warranted, Morris allows. But all this has changed since the federation came into being some four years ago and he regards himself as one of the half dozen catalysts responsible for developing real harmony within the community. "Now we have everyone working together and there is peace and harmony . . . a considerable achievement. Hamilton has done a lot . . . but we need more doers and less talkers."

Definitely one of the doers, he puts in about 20 hours of "outside work" a week. Morris estimates and says this is possible only because he is a "highly organized individual with a happy knack of being able to do work quickly." Tireless and willing to put all else aside when occasion demands, he spent barely three days in his office during the October emergency.

One thing is important, however. "No family with young kids can afford two active people." For the time being it is the father of four youngsters who is the active one, trying to make the time he spends with his family "quality time." And, he is happy to say, his wife Eva is very understanding.

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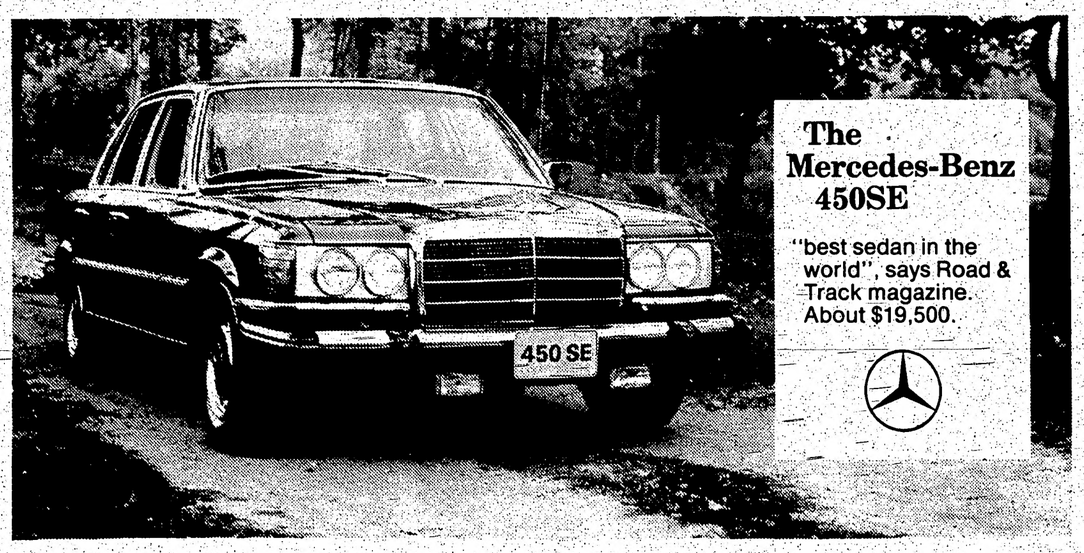

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Time is of essence

Help to small communities must begin now Congress has pointed direction

There is a very real danger that small Jewish communities in Canada, isolated from the mainstream of Jewish activities and suffering from a growing loss of identity, will become extinct within a few short years. While it is a sad fact that the trend cannot be reversed in some cases -- Quebec City is one -- it is also true that appropriate action by the large urban Jewish communities could save the day for many.

Last winter, this newspaper's widely-read columnist, J.B. Salsberg, devoted his page five space to the problems of the small and medium-size Jewish communities in keeping alive their Jewish commitment. He wrote of the difficulty of getting and retaining spiritual leaders and teachers, and of the higher than average rate of intermarriage in these small Jewish islands.

The Salsberg column brought a letter from a Mrs. A. S. Gorbet, of Owen Sound, who said her Jewish community of 41 souls is engaged in a life and death struggle to maintain identity. The last bar mitzvah was held three years ago, Mrs. Gorbet wrote. "We are staunch supporters of every Jewish cause but we have never had the numbers to be part of a B'nai B'rith or Hadassah group."

The writer said in a few words what is essentially the tragedy of the situation in which the handful of Jews in Owen Sound and elsewhere find themselves: "Sometimes the only contact our youngsters have with other Jews are family contacts and at simchas celebrated in the big city. It is very difficult to instill and reinforce their feelings of Jewish identity in this sea of Anglo-Saxon population."

Mrs. Gorbet concluded with a suggestion that certainly merits consideration. She wonders whether congregations in the larger centres would be willing to "adopt" these smaller Jewish communities, thus offering them opportunities to meet on a social and cultural level.

"We could then share ideas and interact with people who share our common destiny."

It must be obvious to all of us in the urban areas that the plight of our brethren in the small communities is our problem as well as theirs. The loss of Jewish identity, whether it be in Owen Sound or elsewhere in this vast land, is a loss to us all. We must devote to this problem some of the same concern and involvement we rightly direct towards Israel and its struggle to exist.

There is encouragement in the fact that the Canadian Jewish Congress at its recent plenary session in Toronto, called for closer liaison and service by Congress with these smaller communities. The resolution adopted by the delegates noted that there is a lack of service and program in this area and remedying this lack "must be the concern of responsible leadership."

What the Congress plans is to initiate helpful programs and open communication channels with what Mr. Salsberg called "these brave, small Jewish islands across the land." Time is of the essence if we are to halt this process of decay and erosion. The new CJC regime, headed by Sydney M. Harris, has many formidable tasks to tackle, but none on the agenda is more important than reviving Jewish identity in these beleaguered outposts. The Congress resolution clearly saw the problem and pinpointed the steps required. What is needed now is implementation, and perhaps a conference of community representatives under CJC aegis might be a good way to start.

Guest Editorial

Israel should not be used here for any partisan political purposes

Canadians generally have been sympathetic towards Israel. This was amply demonstrated during the course of the emergency debate in the House of Commons on Oct. 16, 1973, during the Yom Kippur War when the spokesmen of all political parties placed on record their concerns for the security of Israel.

It is distressing, under these circumstances, to find that in Toronto, Israel is being used as an issue for political purposes in the current election campaign. It is even more distressing that the arguments being advanced for political gain distort the facts. The most obvious of these distortions is the repeated statement that Canada's policy toward Israel changed as a result of the energy crisis.

Prime Minister Trudeau, in his speech at the meeting of the Canadian Jewish Congress on June 16, 1974, very forcefully reaffirmed Canada's continuing support for Israel. He emphasized there has been absolutely no change in the policies of the Canadian government regarding the Middle East conflict as a result of the Arab oil boycott, or for any other reason. This has been confirmed, with appreciation, by official Israeli government spokesmen.

Current relations between the governments of Canada and Israel are excellent. Recent letters to the Canadian government from Mrs. Meir and Mr. Eban confirm this to be the case.

The Prime Minister stated on June 16: "We believe there must be respect for and acknowledgement of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of Israel and of every other state in the Middle East . . . we condemn the terrorist activities of Arab guerrilla groups who, acting against the stated policies of Arab governments, seek to disrupt the negotiations leading to a permanent settlement."

With respect to Canada's support by way of diplomatic intervention on behalf of Soviet Jews and Jews in Iraq and Syria, my personal knowledge is that this, too, is a non-political issue. I know that Canada's intervention on behalf of Jews in these countries, which has been most helpful, has had the support of all political parties in the House of Commons. These efforts are continuing but they would not be assisted by engaging in public condemnation of those countries, nor by severing diplomatic or commercial relations with them. No political party has advocated such action.

The Jewish community, very much concerned with the security of Israel, and very much aware of the necessity of Canada's support for Israel on a non-political, non-partisan basis must deplore, as I do, the use of Israel for partisan political purposes during this, or any, election.

Sol Kanee, Winnipeg lawyer and businessman, is immediate past president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and chairman of the board of governors.

Churchmen criticize election issues

Canada's religious leaders have reached a rare unanimity of viewpoint in denouncing the federal election campaign and its heavy emphasis on promises to the exclusion of basic moral issues. The church leaders, among them Rabbi Erwin Schild, president of the Canadian division, Rabbinical Assembly of America, met in Toronto last week and challenged the politicians to talk about social injustice in and outside Canada.

It is not often that churchmen, collectively, come out fighting on burning issues of the day, but the shabby spectacle of politicians competing with one another in promises in return for votes, brought this sharp rebuke. The churchmen avoided vague generalities in their indictment, asserting that the politicians have largely ignored inflation, high food costs, income security for all Canadians, welfare procedures which demean the poor, protection for Canada's native peoples and involvement in worldwide moral issues.

The Right Rev. Bruce McLeod, moderator of the United Church, spoke for many Canadians when he said the election should not be just about backyard issues -- "which party will promise what goodies to whom."

And Rabbi Schild, of Adath Israel Synagogue, wanted to know whether candidates for seats in Parliament believe the same rules that govern individuals should also apply to the nation. It would be considered immoral for an individual not to share food with a starving person, he said, yet during the energy crisis many Canadians accepted passively the statement that Canada would take care of its own needs first.

All in all, it was a good day's work by these church leaders. Now, if they would only get together on some other pressing issues . . .

Following the series of raids by Arab terrorist groups, tight security is in force throughout Israel. This soldier is on guard outside the King David Hotel in Jerusalem where Henry Kissinger stayed during the Mideast disengagement negotiations. (IPPA).

Biggest leadership change ever

Election at assembly of Harris, Wilchesky shows most delegates opposed to merger

By A.J. ARNOLD

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The retirement of Saul Hayes and Sigmund Unterberg and the election of a new slate of officers made this the biggest change of leadership since Canadian Jewish Congress became a permanent body in 1934.

Besides being the first Torontonian elected as national president, Sydney Harris is the first man under-60 to attain the top office since Samuel Bronfman who was first elected at the age of 47. As for the other new officers, Perry Meyer, chairman of the national executive, is 46, Nachum Wilchesky, is 52, treasurer, Sydney Midanik, secretary, is 54, and Alan Rose, the new national executive director is also under 50. A new generation has taken the helm of Congress.

There seemed to be many more young people at this Plenary Assembly than for some time past and they did make themselves heard. One of them, Marten Brodsky, a 30-year-old lawyer from Windsor, made the contest for the presidency a three-way race. For the first time, there was also a contest for the post of treasurer.

Although the votes for each candidate were not disclosed it appears that Harris had a fairly substantial majority over Lavy Becker who was a last minute entry. The election for treasurer was much closer with Wilchesky, the Montreal school principal, beating out businessman Jacob Lowyl, a past president of the Allied Jewish Community Services.

In choosing Harris and Wilchesky it appears that a majority of delegates are still opposed to the merger idea as it was proposed a few years ago in Toronto, and more recently in Montreal. Having declared his candidacy early Sydney Harris had a big advantage over Lavy Becker from the outset and Marten Bordsky was not seriously considered. Becker was undoubtedly also weakened by the fact that just 10 days before the opening of the plenary he nominated for the Congress Eastern Region chairmanship, a strong pro-merger candidate, who was defeated.

Despite those delegates who complained when Barbara Frum cut them off, this plenary offered more opportunity for discussion than previous sessions. It also broke new ground in offering several cultural attractions.

The innovative walking tours of the old Spadina district proved very popular although this feature may well have attracted more Torontonians than out-of-towners. There was a musical program on the opening night of the convention, an open-air concert in Dennison Square and a film program running concurrently with other sessions on Sunday and Monday. The film series was not publicized as well as it should have been. However these new activities were surely worthwhile. It is to be hoped that future plenary assemblies will be planned to include a "showcase of cultural achievement" at which all delegates can take a break from the talk-fests.

My personal preference seemed to be for sessions which did not attract media coverage although they each got their fair share of delegate attendance.

While Congress has long advocated cultural pluralism, Canadian Jews, by and large, still have to learn how to adapt themselves to the new pluralism known as "multiculturalism". This was apparent from the session on this subject.

The Western session on small communities made it clear that the very small centres of under 50 families are fighting a losing battle and even some centres with as many as 200 families are slipping when it comes to Jewish association and activity. If small groups of families do not have strong self-motivation they are bound to be lost unless they move to larger Jewish centres.

In the session on education and culture for youth and adults only one speaker, Ruth Gale of Winnipeg, took a properly conceived approach aimed at fostering wide community interest. The other speakers seemed to think that a variety of particular options, including specialized religious interest groups or aliyah to Israel would be sufficient. What is needed is the stimulation of Jewish cultural creativity to offer a variety of individual opportunity as well as to attract wider groups of people.

For me, the Plenary came to a grand climax at the archives session on Tuesday morning, attended by representatives from Newfoundland to Vancouver. I extend special greetings to my friends from St. Urbain Street, from Spadina, from North Main and from Oak Street.

In my next column I will be dealing with "multiculturalism", and following that with prospects for Jewish historical societies in Canada.

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Congress, community's youth strongly needed by each other

By J.B. SALSBERG

The 17th plenary assembly of the Canadian Jewish Congress is over, but it did not resolve its basic dilemma. In fact the underlying issue of the relationship between Congress and the Welfare Funds (in Montreal, the Allied) was not even dealt with in a direct fashion. At best it can be said that that disturbing and divisive problem -- whether Congress or the fund-raising and fund distributing agencies shall be the supreme and authoritative voice and leader of Canadian Jewry -- was only referred to parenthetically and in an academic fashion.

The fundamental question: Whither Congress? has still to be answered in a definitive manner. And I have a gut feeling that the answer may well be arrived at before the 18th plenary assembly, three years hence. In short, it is my belief that the determing confrontation -- or more than one confrontation -- will take place anytime between now and then. These are, therefore, crucial years -- or perhaps only months -- that lie ahead of us.

The 17th assembly had many positive factors. It was well attended and while every segment of our community was represented, the dominant block of delegates and guests came from the ranks, from what we call "the people." All seminars, plenary sessions and affairs were well attended and the discussions were lively and at times even spirited.

Saul Hayes, retiring executive vice-president of Congress, said a few years ago when defending the primacy of Congress, that if Canadian Jewry had no Congress, we would have to create one.

That truism was demonstrated again at the last assembly. Delegates and visitors felt comfortably at home and they brought all their concerns, problems and needs to their Congress and asked for solutions, help and guidance. One of the guest speakers from abroad expressed the prevailing attitude of Jewish leaders everywhere, when he said he envies the Jews of Canada for having this all-inclusive leadership body -- Canadian Jewish Congress. As I observed the assembly scene the vast majority of delegates continue to look upon Congress as the Parliament of Canadian Jewry.

And yet the future role of Congress is still under a cloud. Pressures for the establishment of community councils in Montreal and Toronto will not diminish; they will shortly increase. I am, of course, not unmindful of the need for a retracing of our internal community map. New demands and new obligations, at home and abroad, makes this necessary. But, as I said before, this is not an organizational matter but a fundamentally philosophic one.

It is, in my view, our concept -- our philosophy -- that should determine the organizational structure and not the reverse. Plainly speaking, I oppose any plan that will undermine our democratic community process, that will narrow the base of authority and policy making. Instead I give every support to the concept that a bold democratization process is needed so that every Abe, Sam and Dave and every Sarah, Rachel and Leah will be involved in planning and decision making.

Once that concept is accepted as a guideline, the redrawing of our community structure map could proceed with little disagreement. But if that concept should prevail, then there will be no question but that the mass-based, democratic "Parliament of Canadian Jewry" -- Congress -- and not the revenue branch of that Parliament will remain the policy making authority and voice of the community.

Why do I hammer away at this point in a thumbnail review of the 17th assembly? Because I am convinced that the outcome of this philosophic debate will have a profound affect on the supreme of all our concerns at home -- our youth. If anyone doubts that this is -- or should be -- our major concern, then I ask such to look around his own home, his larger family group or his circle of friends.

Yes, education is vital, home life and home example is important but that is not all by any means. We are faced with an alarming degree of alienation of our youth, our academics, our intellectuals and creative people from the mainstream of Jewish life. Don't show me the list of young professionals and young business executives who are involved as proof of the contrary. First, they are a tiny, very tiny minority of our youth and young and, unfortunately, too many of these are disturbingly establishment oriented. The vast majority of our youth and "young couples" are outside the community merry-go-round. Most of them search for meaningful values which they do not find to encourage their involvement.

That is why my most pleasant experience at the last assembly was with our youth delegates and guests. They were too few to my liking, but they were there, they were vocal, they were outspoken, they placed basic values above organizational expediency and even fielded a youth candidate for the national presidency. To me, they, our young, were the most promising feature of the gathering. Congress needs them and they, in light of their basic orientation, need Congress. Anything that will estrange them must be taboo; anything that will encourage them and that will widen the circle of involved youth must be hailed and supported.

Blessed be our young activists of all orientations for they are our greatest promise. Blessed are those who, in all community planning will gauge every proposal by the effect it will have on the young in our midst.

ask the rabbi

Modern times have liberalized rules for officers

1. Is it an essential of Jewish law that synagogue officers be both Sabbath and kashruth observant?

Jewish law has no special section on the appointment of synagogue officers. These are discussed under the heading of general communal appointees. Maimonides in his great Code (Melachim 1:7) states: "It is forbidden to appoint to any communal office a man who is not God-fearing even if he is extremely skilful."

Some congregations also have rules that the ordinary members, let alone the honorary officers, must keep the Sabbath and kashruth strictly. It has to be appreciated that before the modern period Jews who did not keep the Sabbath were hardly likely to be in the synagogue at all.

Nowadays, when Jews are not strictly observant still wish to work for the synagogue, many rabbinic authorities have seen no objection to such people taking a prominent part in communal life.

It has further been argued that their lack of total observance is largely due to their ignorance of the severity of the offence rather than to wilful transgression.

2. What makes one wine kosher and another not?

It is unfortunate that the term kosher is used of wine. This term is not used of wine in the sources and the question as to whether or not one can drink certain wines has nothing to do with the dietary laws proper.

It all goes back to Talmudic times when the rabbis were very strict about Jews drinking or, indeed, having any benefit whatsoever, from Gentile wine.

The prohibition was based on the biblical prohibition of using wine that had been poured out as a libation to the pagan gods but was extended by the rabbis to include all wine prepared or handled by Gentiles. In the post-Talmudic period there was a degree of relaxation of these laws on the grounds that Moslems and Christians could not be treated as pagans.

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'Jewish birth rate substantially lower than average' revealed by largely ignored 1971 Canadian census

By BERNARD & MARJORIE BASKIN

HAMILTON –

It would appear that one of the most disturbing and portentous news stories of the year has been largely ignored by the Canadian Jewish community. Why have we been so slow to grasp the implications that flow from the Canadian census of 1971?

The census figures show that the Jewish birth rate during the past 20 years (and especially during the past 10) has been substantially lower than that of the general population. This, in itself, is no great surprise. Population studies in the United States and Canada conducted over a number of years, reveal that Jews, more than any other group, have the smallest families, marry later, have the most favorable attitudes toward the use of contraception and are more successful in planning the number and spacing of all their children.

The fertility of Canadian Jews is the lowest of all ethnic groups in the country. During the past 40 years, Jews have been barely reproducing themselves. Replacement level is generally cited as 2.1, taking into account that a small proportion of adults will never marry and that a percentage of those who do will never produce children. The total fertility rate of the Canadian Jewish population for the 1966-1971 period shows 1.7 children per woman, about the present Quebec rate and well below replacement level.

Moreover, Jews over the age of 45 constitute a larger percentage of the Jewish community than is true within the Canadian population as a whole. This, of course, is what happens after a long period of low fertility. Contrary to general belief, the aging of a population is the result of a decline in fertility and not the result of longer living.

The population graph reproduced with this article illustrates the problem clearly. This diagram divides the population, according to the 1971 census, into five-year age groups. It presents a simple and graphic statement of percentage population distribution. Demographers assert that a healthy and growing population can be shown as a slope, highest in the earliest years, that gradually narrows as it approaches older age. This pattern has been true for the Canadian population as a whole as the graph indicates, except for the past 10 years. But has not been true for the Jewish community for at least a generation.

Another surprising result of the census is that while 296,940 Jews place themselves in the category of "ethnic group," only 276,020 Jews describe themselves as being members of a religion. This differential is impossible to analyze, but it seems that close to 20,000 Jews prefer the ethnic to the religious label. If this is a conscious choice, rather than the result of misunderstanding or whim, it does not bode well for the future of religious growth and Jewish identification.

In addition to the falling birth rate, the growing number of aging Jews and those who prefer not to be considered or labeled religious, we must consider the increasing rate of inter-marriage. Although estimates vary -- and there are geographical variations -- it would appear that more than one of every four marriages in Canada involving a Jew is with a Gentile partner.

In the immediate future the overall rate of inter-marriage is likely to rise even further as more Canadians become third generation and as the movement continues away from older areas of original residence. Another source of concern is the increasing number of young Jews now attending university and whose inter-marriage rate is higher than that of any other group within the community.

Immigration is not likely to change the demographic structure. It is noteworthy that after several years of Canadian residence, Sephardic Jews from North Africa, and other places, attain a birth rate that is not much higher than the Jewish birth rate generally -- despite the fact that Sephardic families are considerably larger in their native countries.

All things being equal, it does not seem as if the Jewish population will ever exceed its present level of about 300,000.

In the light of the information now available, the organized Jewish community must be prepared to provide more services for an increasing number of older Jews. A larger part of the Jewish welfare dollar will have to be spent on various forms of care for senior citizens and in developing new programs for this growing portion of the population. Inevitably, over the next 20 years, enrollment in educational institutions will decline. The implications for those concerned with religious education, teacher training and expanded school facilities, etc., are obvious.

Because of the strong tradition in the United States for the separation of church and state, a question on religion has never appeared in a decennial U.S. census. However, numerous sources indicate that the Jewish population picture is not much different from the one outlined for Canada in this brief analysis.

Some years ago an American rabbi concluded an article on the Jewish community in this way: "Each generation somehow manages to surprise its predecessor and foil predictions of doom. Perhaps with a bit of luck, and an enormous amount of anonymous dedication, Jewish religious life will witness the dawn of a genuine renaissance in the years ahead." To which we can only add "would that it were so."

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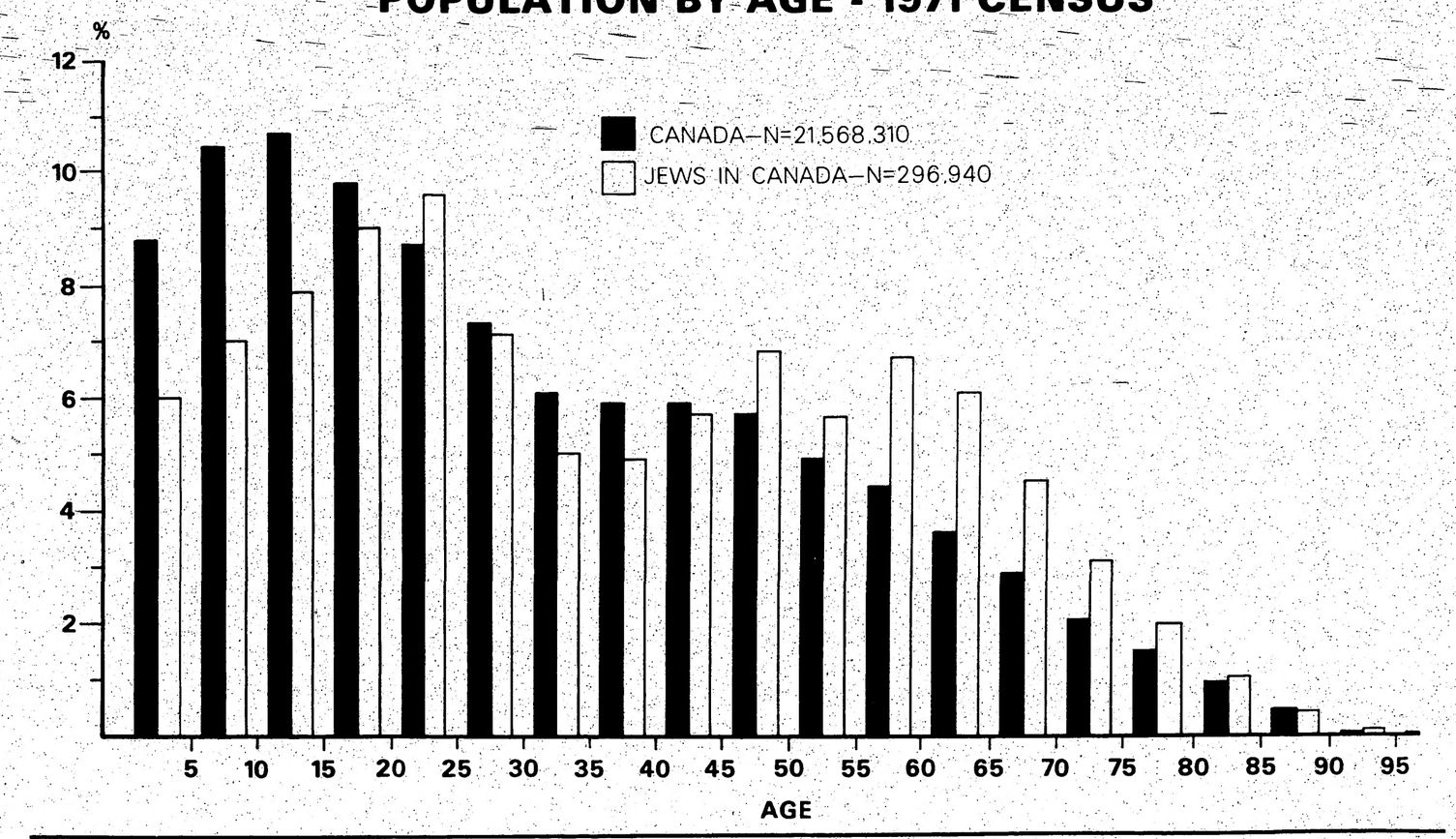

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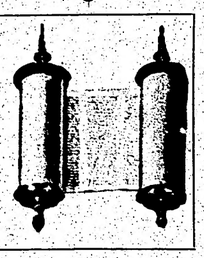

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Balak

Efes katzayhu tir'eh . . . You will see only part of them . . .

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It's always good to bet on a winner . . . Whoever goes out of his way to see what's right and good in our Jewish People -- rather than find mistakes -- is making a smart choice . . .

Once the young son of a Chassidic Rebbe asked his father . . . Why is it that G-d gave us one nose and one mouth, but two eyes? The Rabbi laughed and answered: "To teach that when you look at another Jew, it should only be out of the right eye . . . You should only see what is good -- not the faults . . ." (Sipuray Chassidim)

For example, consider how precious the Jews are considered in the eyes of the Almighty . . . In this week's parsha, the wicked king Balak hired the anti-Semitic prophet Bilam to curse the Jews so they shouldn't enter the Promised Land. But Bilam argued . . . "Are you crazy . . . How can I curse a people that G-d Himself has blessed . . ."

But the Jew hating king came up with a shrewd strategy . . . Sure the Jews are a holy people. But nobody's perfect -- there must be a number of Jews who are sinners, and are vulnerable to curses . . . Balak told Bilam, **efes katzayhu tireh** . . . "I'll take you to a spot on the mountains where you just see the "fringe Jews," the **katzayhu** -- the ones who have committed transgressions -- surely your curses will work on them . . ."

But what happened? G-d said, "Forget it, there's no way . . ." The Almighty turned the curses into blessings . . . "**Lo hibit aven b'Yaakov** . . . G-d sees no iniquity in Jacob" . . . That even when a Jew sometimes slips and commits a sin, G-d doesn't look too closely at his failings . . . So surely, we Jews should never judge each other harshly.

That's why we find an interesting thing. Our Rabbis taught . . . **Havay don et kol ha'adam l'kaf zchut** -- One should judge **kol ha'adam** all men favorably . . . But how is that possible? Here you know so and so commits one transgression after another, never helps others, never prays -- and you have to go ahead and judge him favorably? But the answer is that **kol ha'adam** also means "the whole man" . . . Sure, a fellow Jew may be doing a bad thing -- but look at the whole man . . . Perhaps there are many other good things he does that you are not aware of? Or maybe he sins because he was never taught the right way, or some bitter experience in childhood has turned him off Judaism . . . We must only look at what is good . . .

Once the famous "Seraph", Reb Uri of Strelisk, visited another great Rabbi. As he was sitting, he noticed that one of the guests of the Rabbi was a certain wealthy man, with whom the Rabbi was acting very friendly. But the holy Reb Uri sensed with the holy spirit that just a short time before, the rich man had committed a gross **aveirah**, sin . . . and wondered why the Rabbi was so friendly with him . . .

After the rich man had left and the two were private, the Rabbi turned to Reb Uri and said . . . "Believe me, I know what you know. I also realized the sin the Jew had committed. But do you know why the Almighty has brought you here . . . To learn that a Jew who cannot love another Jew -- even the worst sinner -- with all his heart, has not even reached halfway in the service of the Almighty . . . Because someday, by love, he will return completely to G-d . . ."

One thing, though . . . This looking away from transgression is good for judging others . . . But for ourselves, we must realize that the Almighty has sent us here to constantly reach new heights of His service. Especially this Sunday, Shiva Asar B'Tamuz, when we begin the three week period of remembrance of the destruction of the Temple, every Jew should see what he can improve in himself.

Shabbat Shalom.

The "Sparks From The Torah" television program can be seen on Willowdowns Cable, Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m., Keeble Cable, Thursdays at 8 p.m. and York Cable, Sundays at 12 noon.

'Best country in world'

Feeling free in Canada — views of a Russian family

By RUTH KAHANE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO –

Four Poretskys. Four perspectives. On what? On being a Russian Jewish immigrant in Canada.

Meet the Poretskys from Lvov, Michael, 48; his wife Ida, 45; their daughters Nina, 20, and Eleanor, 15. They have been in Toronto for six months. Poretsky is an electrical engineer by profession, Mrs. Poretsky was a high school professor of Russian. Nina, an A-student in her second year of university, was studying mechanical engineering. Eleanor was in high school and as well studied music. She won the highest marks in her piano class, and composed her own music.

In Russia, the Poretskys worked very hard without hope of achieving much in the way of material comforts. Their passports were stamped 'Jew'. And so there were many hard years of work in order to get the positions they had. They knew they had to work harder than average because of their Jewishness. Going for a job interview meant showing their passports and being turned down in most cases without recourse.

"My parents wanted to come to Canada all their lives," Eleanor said. "They were waiting for a good moment. We didn't know much about Canada. All we knew was what he heard on the BBC. And we knew Jewish people could go to Israel, Italy, the United States, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia."

Why Canada? "Everyone said Canada is the best country in the world now," Mrs. Poretsky told **The Canadian Jewish News**.

But deciding to come here and getting here were two different stories. The Poretskys did not want to say how long they waited. But the steps involved were long and tortuous.

The first step in leaving -- application to the Russian government -- meant applying to go to Israel. Since Russia and Israel are not on diplomatic speaking-terms, the application was made to the recognized third party, the Dutch embassy. When permission to leave came, they went the usual route to Rome, Italy.

This was the intermediate stopover, Uusally, the Jewish Agency pays life support while making arrangements for entry to Israel. But it is possible to vary the procedure, and with the coordinating efforts of the United Hebrew Immigrant Aid Services, negotiate to go to another open-door country. The Poretskys asked to go to Canada.

Then they waited 3 1/2 months to get their documents and visas. Getting to Canada seemed hard enough, but once they were here there were new hurdles to overcome -- barriers of language, culture shock, loneliness, and unemployment.

But like other immigrants they were not entirely alone. An official of the manpower and immigration department met them at the airport and gave them temporary lodging at Walker House Hotel. He directed them to the Ontario Welcome House where they could fill out all necessary forms, and learn about English-language training and employment possibilities from a Russian-speaking counsellor.

In the meantime, in co-operation with Manpower, the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, Canada's branch of HIAS, extended a welcoming hand. After meeting the Poretskys with Manpower representatives at the airport, they stepped in to help find a permanent home and supplement the government's regular financial assistance program.

A happy marriage of circumstances took place in the case of the Poretskys. Coinciding with their arrival, an active member of the National Council of Jewish Women, Mrs. Susan Zajdner, contacted the Ontario Welcome Centre's director, Mrs. Dianne Eaton. Mrs. Zajdner, an immigrant from Poland several years ago, wanted to extend her organization's campaign to help free Soviet Jewry, to a project for voluntary help for Russian Jewish immigrants. She wanted to offer the friendship, and help to newcomers that she missed in adjusting to the new culture.

When Mrs. Eaton told her of the Poretskys, they were staying at Walker House. It was the middle of winter. They had no clothing suitable for cold weather. Mrs. Zajdner phoned them.

Poretsky recalls: "We got to the hotel and we didn't know one person in Canada. I was full of doubts. I asked myself: what are we doing here when we don't know the language, have jobs, friends, money, or family.

"But then we had a phone call and a nice voice asked, "can I come to you?," Mrs. Poretsky interjected. "We said . . . yes!, and she, Mrs. Susan Zajdner, came. We had coffee, we laughed. And then she took us to their home for dinner. So very friendly. She has called us every day and she and her husband have been very good for us. We feel this is our family in Canada."

Mrs. Poretsky said her first impression of Canada was how "free and friendly" it is. One of her most moving experiences was when the Zajdners took them to Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, the first she had been to in her life. In Lvov, the synagogue was closed.

"We sat down and saw a lot of Jewish people and it was very nice," she said. "We cried. When we heard the rebbe we didn't understand one word of English, but he made us feel that Canada is a 'free-for-Jewish' country. We saw two flags -- the Israeli and the Canadian. When I saw these signs that Jewish people are free in Canada, I felt free too."

She said she was also moved by the sign in front of the synagogue 'Freedom for Soviet Jewry'. She spoke with great feeling of how it felt to see the sign and know that Canadian Jews who have their freedom, care enough to be friendly to Russian Jews.

The Zajdners also helped arrange for Eleanor to continue studying piano, and for Nina to find a job. Now, Eleanor takes lessons at the Royal Conservatory of Music with one of its top teachers, and has performed for several of Toronto's Jewish organizations. At home, she has a piano to practise on.

Nina is working for a York University Russian language professor doing translations for a research project. In about a year when she hopes to pass the difficult language admissions tests in English, she will apply to the faculty of medicine.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Poretsky have been taking English classes at Seneca College for just over a month. Having qualified for Manpower sponsorship because of their status as professionals, they can concentrate on learning English now. Once they have completed their language training, they will be given further Manpower assistance until they get jobs.

Both Nina and Eleanor say they find the attitudes of students to their education very different from Russia. Eleanor said "no Russian student would come to school in dirty jeans with a cigaret like here. In Russia they are always clean, with beautiful clothes." In her frank manner she added, "I know it's not very nice to say but I can't even step into the girls' washroom. All the girls are in there smoking and putting on makeup. I don't like it."

Nina pointed out that Russian students study harder. She said "the end result is the same knowledge, but during the time you are a student, you work much harder. You don't have the free time -- you study on Saturdays, and every day for eight or nine hours."

She said in Canada mechanical engineering is not a very popular profession for women, whereas in Russia 50% of the students in this course are women. But she said "it's good to see women here want to be at the same level and have the same knowledge as men. And it's very nice to see women with children coming to university."

Mrs. Poretsky marvelled at the fact that students could get part-time employment and said she was surprised the first time she saw "a little boy delivering papers." In Russia, she explained, you cannot work if you are under 16, and then only if it is full-time. Mrs. Zajdner commented they also found it remarkable that children from wealthy families worked, taking part-time jobs because they wanted to earn their own money.

"Eleanor wants to teach piano. Why? She wants to buy a car for herself," Mrs. Poretsky said with a mixture of amazement and delight. "In Russia it's impossible. You work for a long time to buy a car, and there's a long waiting list. Here a little child can buy a car. A lot of students come to high schools with their cars -- that they worked to buy. It's very nice."

"If you wrote someone in Russia about this," Poretsky joked, "they would say it was American propaganda. They wouldn't believe you."

Michael and Ida Poretsky look on as daughter Eleanor practices. The Poretskys have been in Canada for six months. They come from Lvov, Russia. Eleanor is studying at the Royal Conservatory of Music. They give their impressions of their new home. (HOZ)

Organizations and People

By MIRIAM HERMAN

what's new...

NCJW AID IMMIGRANTS

The National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section, in co-operation with Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, has set up a volunteer project in aid of Soviet Jewish immigrants. The Welcome Committee for New Immigrants, under the chairmanship of Susan Zajdner, has a nucleus of 10 volunteers who will meet with the new arrivals on a one-to-one basis to befriend them, and help them get settled in their new home and city. This is a pilot project for the Toronto NCJW and is being done on a three-month trial basis. They hope to expand with more volunteers in the fall.

INCOME TAX LAW

Want to learn about the ins and outs of income taxes? -- who pays, what can be deducted, retirement plans and capital gains tax? A free course on income tax law is being provided by the Toronto Community Law School to run four evenings, July 8 - 11, at 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Lawrence Park Collegiate. Instructors will be Osgoode Hall law professor Warren Grover and lawyer Douglas Ewens. For information and registration (advisable but not necessary), call 928-6494.

ORT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

A group of 30 Canadian and American high school students left for six weeks of work and touring in Israel last Sunday. The youngsters, members of ORT Youth Fellowship, will spend four weeks on the construction of a new dormitory at the ORT school in Netanya, and another week on an archeological dig in Tiberias.

ANNUAL BAR-B-Q

Beth Sholom Young Married Couples is having their annual steak barbecue next Sunday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m. at 196 McNicoll Ave., Willowdale. For reservations call Jerry Rowan at 493-7828.

YIDDISH AT BUFFALO U

The State University of New York at Buffalo is offering an Introduction to Yiddish course for the first time in September. Although the course is not listed with the Judaic studies department, it may be used as a credit toward a degree in Judaic studies. The course will be taught by Professor Philip Veit of the Germanic and Slavic department.

MULTICULTURALISM GRANT

Another Jewish group to receive a federal multiculturalism grant is the Association Sepharade Francophone of Montreal which was awarded $6,500 to organize an exhibition of Franco-Jewish culture. The exhibit will include audio-visual presentations, paintings, books and jewelry, plus a music concert and a lecture on the history of the Jewish community.

A correction -- In an earlier column it was announced that Camp Massad in Muskoka had received a multiculturalism grant. That was incorrect. The grant goes to Camp Massad located on Lake Winnipeg.

TEACHERS FOR ISRAEL

Under the auspices of Israel's President Katzir's Committee for Advancement of Science Education for Youth, science clubs are being established in development towns, out-of-the-way small towns and under-privileged urban areas of Israel. The clubs are programmed as extra-curriculum activities for grades 7-12. In order to implement these "learn-by-doing" programs, qualified Canadian and American science teachers and graduate students are needed. Anyone interested (candidates should be in the 20-40 age group and willing to give one full school year) can contact the Israel Aliyah Centre in Toronto for further information.

TEACHERS SEMINAR

Registration is now open for a summer seminar for teachers in Toronto Jewish schools sponsored annually by the Board of Jewish Education. It opens Aug. 25 with a session on Habet Ushma -- a method of teaching Hebrew at the Associated Hebrew Schools, conducted by New York educator Victoria Dublin. Then continues Aug. 26 - 30 at Seneca College. Participants will include Dr. Nathaniel Entin, Gratz College, Philadelphia; Abraham Shkop, Toronto educator; Evelyn Zusman, teacher and author from Los Angeles, California; Cherie Koller, learning environments expert from Belmont, Mass.; Dr. Kenneth Dunn, superintendant of schools, Chappaqua, New York; and Joseph Shoham, head of audio-visual department, Toronto Board of Jewish Education.

'Chutzpah and Yellow Pages'

Myra proves original success recipe

By ELLIE TESHER

TORONTO -

Young Jewish women are branching out. The trick is to keep a perspective on all facets of Jewish womanhood; remain comfortably in touch with homemaking, community participation and family-centred activities; as well as pursue a career.

Myra Grosfield is a girl who feels that concentrating on one area to the exclusion of the others is self-defeating. She has sought challenges and risen above them all of her 31 years, and gives a simplistic formula for expanding one's lifestyle: chutzpah and the Yellow Pages.

When she formed Myra Interiors, a decorating company, Myra had no credit references, no capital, and only the confidence shared by her and her husband that if she tried, she'd make it.

Because she wanted to make it on her own, Myra accepted only emotional support from her husband, Irving, an orthopedic surgeon.

Try she did, with a year of intensive research, using the Yellow Pages as her only guide to direct her to various manufacturers for introductions and possible negotiations. These came hard at first, but as she became familiar with what was available on the market, Myra's no-nonsense brand of honest self-confidence mixed with a dash of chutzpah, became a winning recipe for job bids. As a result she has been commissioned to decorate many private homes, as well as professional offices, and large organizations such as the Scarborough General Hospital.

Myra Grosfield -- a lady of many talents

Myra has always been realistically aware of her ability to work at many things. After taking part in the Toronto UJA Young Women's Leadership course, early in her marriage, she went on to eventually lead that course for two years, and became involved on the education committee of the women's board. Along with a co-chairman she developed a dramatic multi-media program for education that was used for sisterhoods and other organizations for several years.

At the same time she was establishing her family of three sons, presently aged eight, six and three years, and participating casually in the current trends from indoor plants to tennis and skiing.

"It's not a life for me to concentrate on only one of those activities," she explained. "I'm grateful that when I want to do them, and enjoy them, I can."

During a relatively quiet period, Myra embarked on a project of making attractive aprons for mothers, with matching bibs and painting-aprons for children. These were well received by women's charitable organizations at first, but later became a sell-out item in Creed's Good Taste Department and are presently sold in Ko's, Pampered Kitchens, and children's boutiques in Toronto, Hamilton and London.

In between these activities, a more glamorous aspect of Myra's personality has had its arena: a Toronto agent finds her happy and wholesome good looks just right for many TV commercials, and directed her to a part in the series Police Surgeon.

Myra tends to become embarrassed by any play-up of these latter endeavors, as though fearing to be misunderstood in her ambitions. A first-generation Canadian, born the youngest of seven children in Fort William, Ont. and raised with farming as a part of her life, her down-to-earth nature refuses to allow any notions of grandeur.

"At the moment," she says, "I've reached my level of contentment."

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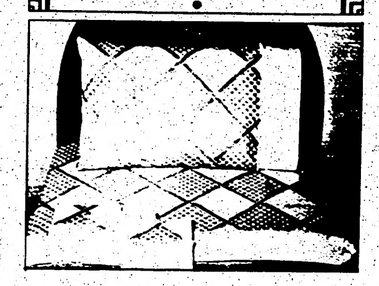
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Sue's Views

By SUSAN FIELDER

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And by the time you are ready to discuss your special gem – **Sol Machat** will have a whole new world of sparkling stones and striking settings waiting for you.

We're excited about this new adventure and we know you will be too ––– when you visit the very pleasing atmosphere of **Sol Machat Jewellers**. For personal care and attention we suggest you phone ahead of time – though you are always most welcome to browse.

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...about people

Yesterday, CBC announcer **Harry Mannis** made his debut as co-host, along with pianist **Karen Kieser**, of the weekly radio show **Themes and Variations** that runs Thursdays at 8:03 p.m. (Wednesdays at 7:03 p.m. on CBC-FM). Mr. Mannis, whose almost 30 years with the CBC has included introducing **Radio International** Friday nights on CBC-FM, and reading the TV news, occasionally filling in on **The National**, will be interviewing leading personalities on the music scene and introducing music concerts from across Canada.

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Yaacov Honig

At a recent convention of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, CJN columnist **Yaacov Honig** (he writes the Voice of Youth column) was presented with the first annual Harold Boxer Memorial Award. This award was established to commemorate the founder of NCSY who recently passed away. Mr. Honig was honored for outstanding achievement in the field of community affairs.

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Cantor Severin Weingort of Toronto's Temple Sinai, was in Cleveland recently to appear as guest soloist at a concert put on by the Jewish Singing Society of the Jewish Community Centre there.

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Acting on his own advice that "relaxation is necessary but you have to have something to relax from, otherwise retirement becomes the fastest route to old age," **Ludwig Benario**, who is in his mid-70s, was one of the committee on hand to welcome senior citizens to **Think Ahead** -- a day at McMaster University designed to acquaint retired persons with its campus, faculty and staff. One of the busiest volunteer workers for Hamilton's Jewish Social Services, Mr. Benario has been taking courses at McMaster for several years and is co-chairman of the Committee for University Education for Senior Citizens, along with Professor W. J. McCallion, dean of the school of adult education.

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Last Wednesday was a really big day for two members of the Association of Senior Clubs. **Dorothy Klein**, association president, and **Rose Diamond**, longtime club member, were among those presented to **Queen Elizabeth**, the Queen Mother, at the reception at the Ontario Science Centre. The association represents all Toronto Jewish senior citizens groups.

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Elections, appointments and such -- **Paul Waitzer**, chairman and chief executive officer of Yorkton Securities Ltd., an investment firm with seats on the Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver stock exchanges, has been elected to the board of governors of the Toronto Stock Exchange. As a governor, he heads the member organization committee which looks after admissions, transfers and discipline. By the way, Mr. Waitzer, is president of Temple Sinai.

The executive director of Montreal's Jewish General Hospital, **Dr. William R. Slatkoff**, was named president of the Canadian College of Health Service Executives at their annual meeting in Vancouver recently.

Montreal building developer **Max Zentner** has been appointed chairman of the 1974 Camp B'nai B'rith Governor's Campaign. The camp serves over 1,000 youngsters at its camp site in Petit Lac Long.

B'nai Israel Beth David Congregation's executive for the coming year includes president **Lawford Harris**; vice-presidents **Jack Pollock** and **Alfred Pilch**; secretary **Merv Slone**; treasurer **Sidney Forcht**; trustees **Mrs. Frances Feldt**, **Sidney Hoffman** and **Jack Siskind**; chairman of the board **Murray Vernon**; and brotherhood and sisterhood presidents **David Zuckerbrot** and **Mrs. Helen Rose**.

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Morris Shack called in to say that the exhibit of his paintings originally scheduled for Yorkdale Public Library for the month of June will be shown in the fall, September to November, instead. The postponement was due to the change of the library's location. However the exhibit has been hanging at Glen Shield Country Club and runs to mid-July.

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The only woman in the new French government is also the only Jew. She is **Simone Veil**, France's health minister. A lawyer by profession, Mrs. Veil had made a career in the justice ministry. Born in Nice, she and her family were deported by the Nazis during the occupation.

Sefer Torah given to Shaarei Tefillah

TORONTO -

Sunday, June 23, was a moving and memorable day for the members and friends of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation.

During the afternoon, a community-wide gathering dedicated a Sefer Torah at a Siyum ha'Sefer ceremony. The scroll was donated by Murray Frieberg to the congregation in memory of his father Abraham David Frieberg.

This was followed by a reception and dinner commemorating the liquidation of the second mortgage on the synagogue.

Frieberg announced that during the past four years, Shaarei Tefillah has reduced its indebtedness by $158,000.

"The liquidation of the second mortgage on our synagogue building signifies our dedication to Shaarei Tefillah and everything it stands for. This tangible evidence of our progress will enable us to re-dedicate ourselves to many other important projects that await our attention and our resources."

Jack Ross, immediate past president, announced that two menorahs, inscribed by the entire congregation, will be placed in the sanctuary in honor of Murray Frieberg.

Rabbi Meyer Berglas expressed appreciation to him for dedicating a Sefer Torah to the synagogue which he said gave so many people the opportunity to participate in an important mitzvah.

"By reducing the capital indebtedness of the synagogue, Murray Frieberg has made it possible for us to get involved in programing that is of tremendous value to our members and the community-at-large. It has also made it possible to bring to Shaarei Tefillah Chazan Ben Zion Miller, one of the most talented and brilliant young cantors the Jewish community possesses."

On behalf of the Frieberg family, Rabbi Berglas presented Murray Frieberg with a cake inscribed:

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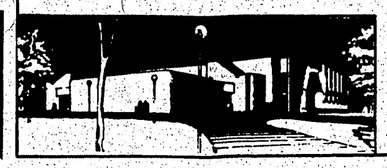
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We must refuse to be intimidated, writes witness to terrorist raid

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Gold and family of Downsview, received this letter from their son, Brian, a volunteer at Kibbutz Shamir, the scene of a recent terrorist attack. The 19-year-old McKenzie Collegiate graduate was an eye witness to this tragic event last month. Here is his letter.

Brian Gold

Dear Mom & Dad:

Well, first of all, don't worry I'm fine and it would take the terrorists more than bullets to put an end to me. Mom, I just finished talking to you now and I'm writing what happened while it's still all clear in my mind. You shouldn't have cried when I called you, I know you were concerned and worried but nevertheless it made me sad to hear you cry.

This morning started like any other morning but ended differently. I had gone to work at 5:30 and returned for breakfast and had just finished when at 8:30 someone came running into the dining room and the whole place turned into a frenzy. Before you know it everyone is carrying a gun and running towards the direction of the bee houses. I wasn't sure what was happening at first but we were then told that some terrorists have infiltrated the kibbutz and to stay where we are. I hear rapid shooting and then bombs going off but we're all trying to remain calm.

Meanwhile most of the volunteers were evacuated to a bomb shelter but I and some kibbutzniks and another volunteer remained in the dining room. The first sign of death came when a jeep pulled by the dining room with a body under a sheet in the rear headed for the nurses office. That body we later found out belonged to Judy, an 18-year-old volunteer from New Zealand, killed as she was going back to work. A real nice girl, she was my neighbor. Then I was told to go to the shelter and I went, but stayed only a short while. I then volunteered to help put out a fire that was caused by explosions near the bee house and so I arrived at the scene of the tragedy and saw firsthand what had occurred.

Let me tell you, I've never felt so sick and disgusted in all my life! I've never seen death, and this was enough to last a lifetime. Parts of bodies strewn all over the place -- heads, arms, legs, you name it. Maybe there are some Israelis who are used to these things by now. But not me, I'll never get used to death. Holy God, the emotions felt here today were incredible and so undescribable.

Anyhow we later tonight were briefed by one of the members of the kibbutz of what the terrorists may have wanted to accomplish. We were lucky, if they had made it to the dining room while the kibbutz was still having breakfast. I shudder to think of the deadly consequences. Tomorrow we will work as usual but after lunch there will be the funeral of the two kibbutznik girls. Judy's boyfriend is flying with her body back to New Zealand for her funeral.

Mom, you asked if I would leave the kibbutz. I would leave, but not for what happened today. For my former reasons of continuing on with my travels. The terrorists would like people to be intimidated by them and to leave, but then there would be no Israel. I'm here for the time-being and that's where I'll stay. Don't worry things should be all right now and it's time to mourn the dead.

I knew Judy 2 weeks and I pray I should never forget her and her boyfriend John. Two people very much in love with each other and life. You can light a candle for those who died today if you wish and pray for them cause to worry and pray for me is wrong. I'm lucky to be alive. Enough of this. My love to you all. Stay well.

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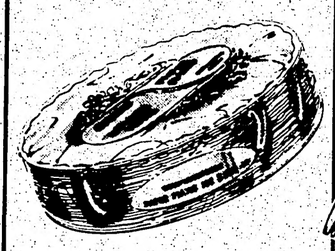

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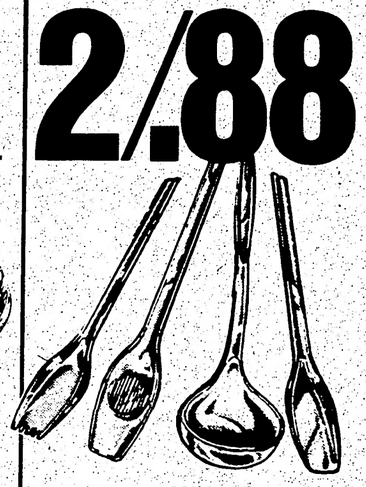

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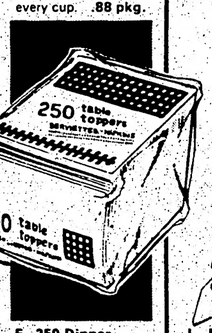

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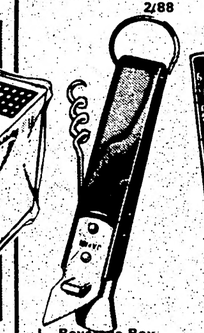

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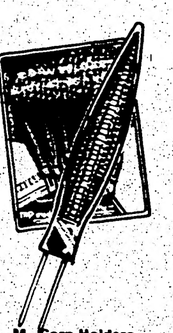

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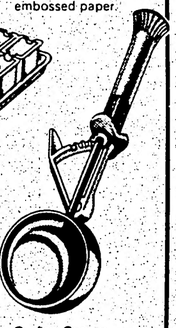

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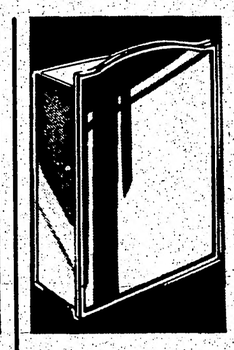

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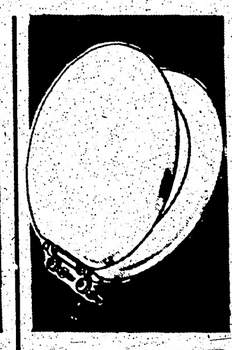

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Organizations and People

A couple of major Israel Bonds events took place at the end of last month. Top, Abe Zukerman (third from left) received the State of Israel Service Award at the Wierzbniker Society closing dinner. Others (from left) are society executives Mrs. Helen Isenberg, Max Naiman, William Kirsh and Howard Klienberg. Bottom, Toronto medical division of Bonds got their program underway with a parlor meeting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Irving H.G. Glass. Speaker was CBS correspondent Robert Mayer Evans (fourth from left). Others (from left) are Doctors Howard Langer, Louis Train, Sol Goldstein, David Rosenberg and Ralph Freedman.

Golf professional Lightstone enjoys contentment in field where, until lately, Jews were unwelcome

By HARVEY ENCHIN

TORONTO –

Golf professional Irv Lightstone looked comfortable. His brown sweater and tan slacks seemed appropriate for an unusually cool June afternoon. He settled into a soft, swivel chair behind his desk; those two items being the only significant furniture in a spartan, yet cozy office adjoining the Maple Downs Golf and Country Club, casually lighting a cigaret in preparation for the interview.

As the club's head golf pro this was his domain -- the office, its walls covered with photographs and certificates; the pro shop; and all that beautifully-manicured acreage. The idyllic surroundings of the club belie the fact that this paradise has a price, not only for members but for Lightstone as well.

Lightstone, 41, pays in time: From 7 a.m. till 6:30 p.m. most days of the week, Lightstone is on the job. With 18 years of service to Maple Downs; 16 of them as head pro, two as assistant, it adds up to a lot of hours. Although he lightened his schedule to spend more time with his wife and three children, a 60-hour work week is still not a life of leisure.

It's easy to scoff. After all, what kind of job is playing golf every day? But it doesn't work out that way. When he is lucky Lightstone squeezes in about a round and a half of golf a week and he's not always lucky. More often he is merchandizing, staffing, administrating, teaching, running tournaments and clinics, accommodating members and their guests, repairing and maintaining members equipment, and doing, he says, "totally everything. It starts early in the morning and never stops."

It does ease up though, from mid-November to mid-March, giving Lightstone time to ski, organize golf trips to California for American Airlines and step up his involvement with the Professional Golfers Association. He has been on the board of directors of the PGA for a few years and this year is serving as tournament director.

"It involves considerable work in the administrative end, looking after the tournament schedule," he said. "It's a position of great importance and it's a very gratifying position for me, particularly for me, because it wasn't too many years ago that I was the only Jew in the PGA. Ten or 12 years ago this wasn't the most accepted position to be in, in a business that never at one stage looked at a Jew sideways. When I came into the PGA, there were still 10 or 12 golf clubs that aside from not wanting a Jewish member, had restrictions on Jewish guests."

Lightstone referred to the pro-ams and tournaments held at particular golf clubs to which he wasn't invited, regardless of his playing ability.

"My potential and my livelihood was in a very limited stage in those days," he said. "Now things have changed completely."

Lightstone plays down his considerable accomplishments some years ago when for five or six years he was playing "hardnosed" golf. He won the Ontario and Canadian assistants championship in 1959; finished third and seventh in the Ontario Open during those years; won the overall assistants championship; finished fourth in the Bursary tournament twice and set course records at Uplands and Peterborough. These, he said, were "incidental accomplishments."

As recently as 1970, Lightstone played competitive golf at the Ontario Open, after a lapse of some years, and placed ninth, shooting a 69 and 72 on the last two rounds.

But those things are not important to him, he says. He prefers to think of the assistants that have come up through him who are now head pros at their own clubs or are meeting with success on tour. Their achievements, he feels, is his greatest satisfaction.

Now he gets the majority of his pleasure from playing golf with the guys around the club.

"If I had a choice of jumping in my car and running off to play in the Canadian open or playing with some of the characters around the club with whom I enjoy playing, I'd just as soon be here."

What's it all about for Irv Lightstone?

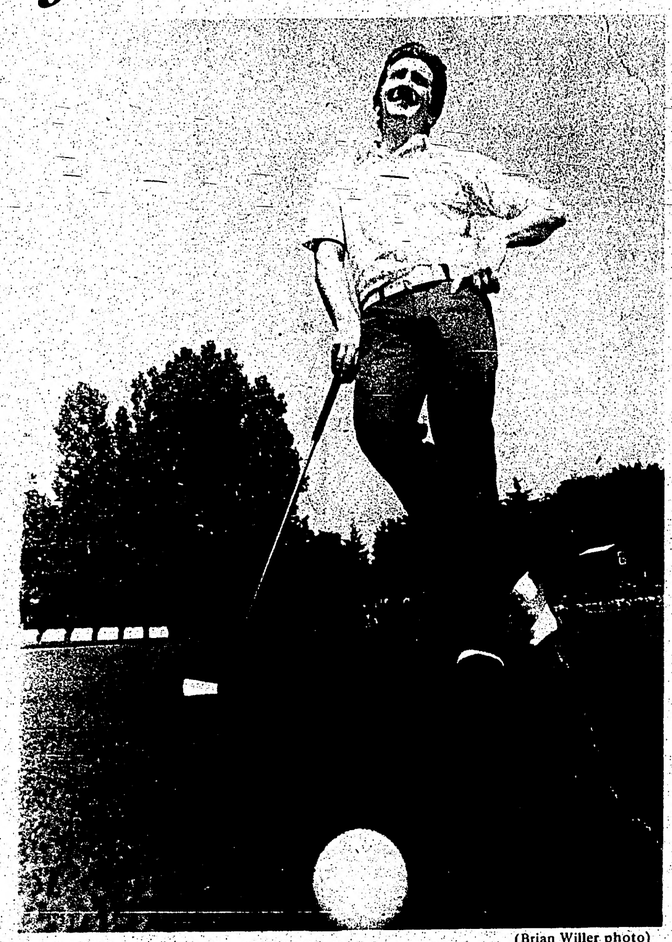
"When you take it all together and try to assess a person's life, what a person has done, the ability to get up in the morning and look forward to what you are going to do that day and every day supercedes everything and anything that you might otherwise state as life's successes."

And he does believe that because twice he has turned down an offer to be the director of golf at the Concord Hotel in the Catskills, refusing more than double what he was earning.

"I think that epitomizes my position and my feelings," he said.

He sincerely believes he made the right decision staying here.

"I'll tell you," he said, "I'm content. I have great peace of mind. I'm very happy."



(Brian Willer photo)

For the last 16 years, Irv Lightstone has been head golf pro at Maple Downs Golf and Country Club. About ten years ago, he was the only Jewish pro in the PGA.

Job service expands to meet needs

By RUTH KAHANE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO –

Changing trends in vocational needs are pressuring the Jewish Vocational Service to expand and the community to raise the required funds for development. Gerald Epstein, newly elected president of JVS said in an interview.

"It is more difficult than ever to obtain new jobs after 55," Epstein commented. "The community needs to insure these people have meaningful activities, and will have to raise the required funds.

"We are going to find services to the elderly more and more important because people have more spare time and are retiring earlier. Today 'elderly' can refer to people who are 45," Epstein added.

JVS operates three services for the elderly -- Baycrest Workshop, a sheltered workshop for residents of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Elder Craftsmen Unlimited, a specialized job placement and referral service for people over 55, and Atlaz Centre, a sheltered workshop for the uninstitutionalized aged.

Baycrest and Elder Craftsmen are on sound financial footing being funded by the Ontario government, while Atlaz, a highly successful program since its outset in 1973, does not have an established source for funding. Its present grant from the United Jewish Welfare Fund terminates the end of June.

"Over the last couple of years requests for career counselling have increased. Schools and Manpower are not in the position to give it. So the pressure comes on JVS to assist these people," Epstein said.

One constant problem the JVS faces in vocational counselling is whether to do in depth work with a few problem people, or to serve as many people as possible. "We have to assess our priorities all the time," outgoing president David Lipson told **The Canadian Jewish News**. "The question is whether we should spend three hours with 10 people, or 30 hours with one person. We have been doing a self-study for the past three years and have found the priority lies somewhere in the balance between these two extremes."

About 50% of the people who come for counselling are recent high school or university graduates. The other half are adult women, widowed, divorced, or separated, and middle-aged men who have lost their jobs and find it difficult to return to the labor force.

In a year-end report to the JVS annual meeting of staff and board of directors, Lipson reported JVS served 3,800 individuals this year, through job placement, career counselling and rehabilitation services. This was an increase of nearly 15% over 1972-73.

He said, this year communications improved between board of directors and staff. A new orientation committee took requests from the other committees, and linked board members to various jobs. "The liaison between board and staff has improved our management."

Epstein, 34, who joined the JVS board of directors in 1967 and held executive positions as treasurer, vice president, and chairman of budget and finance, is a chartered accountant, a partner in the firm of Laventhol Krekstein Horwath & Horwath.

Other officers for 1974-75 are vice presidents, William Humber, Joseph Skolnick, Morrey Solway, Michael Steinberg; treasurer, David Rubin; secretary, Ethyle Levine.

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TORAH CAMPAIGN
Every Jew should have a designated time each day for Torah study, each individual according to his capacity and time available. There should be at least a few minutes each day, during which time he should be completely absorbed in his study of Torah, and all unrelated matters removed from his mind. The talmud tells us: "Torah shields and saves."

TEFILLIN CAMPAIGN
Every man and boy over thirteen years of age should don Tefillin (phylacteries) every weekday. Our Rabbis explain that the verse: "And the nations of the world shall see the Name of G–d is called upon you and they will fear you," refers to Tefillin (of the head) – meaning that the fulfillment of the Mitzvah of Tefillin, instills fear and awe into the hostile nations of the world, so that they will fear to harm the Jewish people.

MEZUZAH CAMPAIGN
Every Jewish home should make sure to have mezuzahs affixed to the doorposts. Those that already have mezuzahs affixed should have them checked (inspected) by a competent scribe to make sure they are made of parchment and are hand written and in no need of repair. The Torah tells us that the divine Name SHA-DAI, on the outside of the mezuzah, is an acrostic of the Hebrew words which mean "Guardian of the Doorways of Israel." According to the Zohar, the verse: "The L–rd will guard your going out and coming in, now and forevermore" refers to the mezuzah, which means that a mezuzah guards the Jew both at home and outside until he returns.

CHARITY CAMPAIGN
To encourage Jews to give Tzedakah (charity), and that every Jewish home have a charity box (pushka). The box should be placed in a conspicuous place so that one can readily perform the mitzvah and also be reminded of the mitzvah of charity. Our Rabbis tell us that, since the Mitzvah of Tzedakah helps sustain the lives of the poor and needy, G–d rewards in kind, and it stands the giver of Tzedakah and his family in good stead, when their own lives might be in danger. The Tzedakah-pushka is a reminder of this great Zechus, and of the protection it brings.

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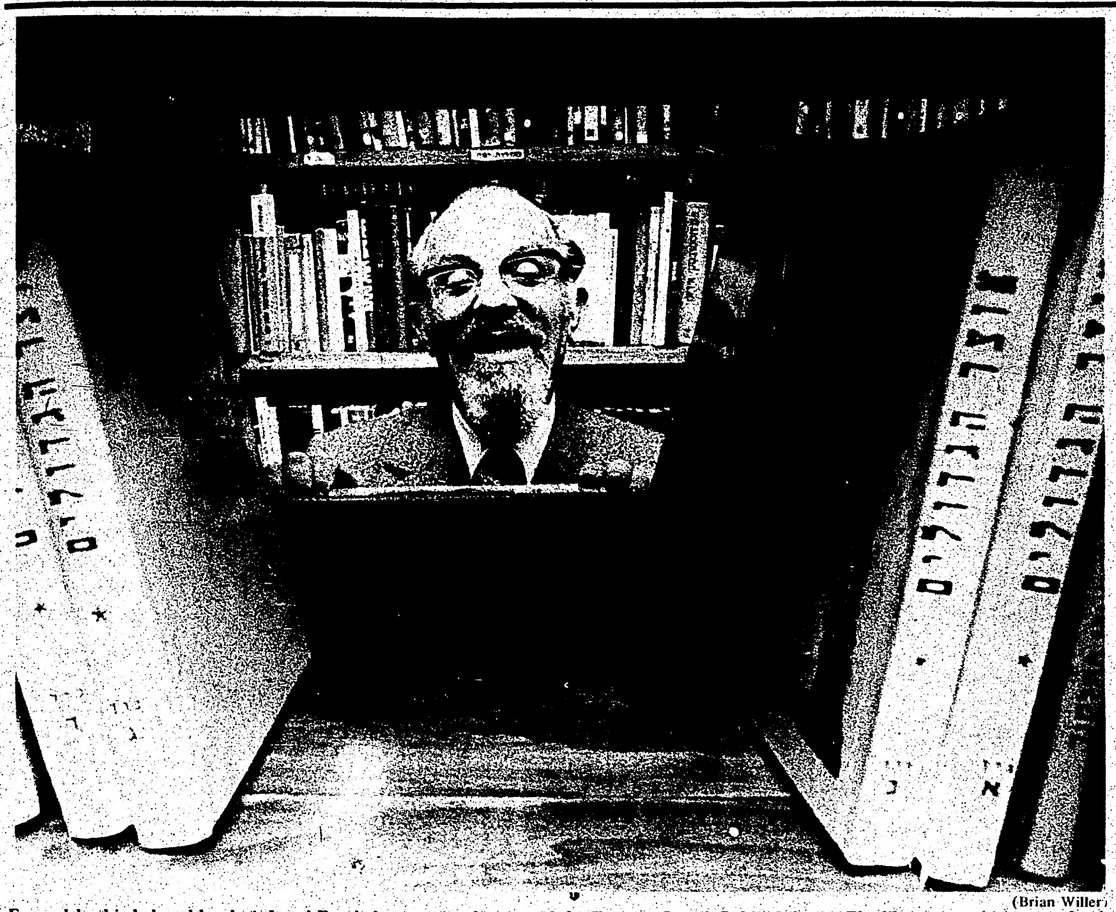

(Brian Willer)

Framed by his beloved books is Israel Frankel, executive director of the Toronto Jewish Public Library. The library is seeking more funding to enlarge their staff and to hold cultural programs. It received a grant of $42,000 from the United Jewish Welfare Fund last year.

Library starved for funds, is charge

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Asked about Frankel's charge that UJWF leaders had seldom been to the library, Rotenberg admitted he'd not been to the institution "very often."

Although the Montreal library is a general one primarily, Paul Trepman, its executive director, says it specializes in Judaica, giving service to programs at McGill University, University of Montreal and Sir George Williams University. About 80% of the library's inside readership are students or teachers doing research.

In existence in one form or another since the turn of the century, the Montreal library features two major collections; the Samuel Bronfman Canadiana Collection and the Oscar Faerman Collection, originally in the 'Y' there and now moved into the new quarters. It also has a branch in the suburb of Laval and a French-speakine one in Neighborhood House.

Although they receive a substantially large budget from AJCS, Trepman told Mark Medicoff, CJN Quebec Bureau Chief: "With the price of books, you can't manage. That's why we've established a method whereby people donate money for a book and we buy it."

The Montreal membership fee is $5 a year or $3 for students and senior citizens. They've also launched a campaign for $100 contributions from members.

The library has a childrens' and an audio-visual department, an archives, and an auditorium seating 300 for the many cultural events it holds.

Toronto board chairman Feldman, a lawyer with a large book collection of his won, stressed the importance of the library to the community. "A Jewish book is that link from generation to generation of our tradition," he said. "It's an important avenue for the survival of Judaism."

And he pointed out that the JPL is a place where a large number of people find their Judaism. "We have many people unaffiliated with other Jewish institutions," he added.

Frankek says there's a great revival among the Jews to know their heritage.

"These people come to the library to satisfy their thirst. We have to be better equipped. We need at least two more full-time staff people and we need more room. We want to make the library a centre for Jewish culture. (It's auditorium is now being used for book storage.) We want to have a regular bulletin and have 'meet the author nights' and book review evenings."

Whatever the cause, there is little doubt that the Toronto library is starved for funds. One of the reasons why the Toronto institution lags far behind the Montreal one, is that the Quebec library was established about 55 years earlier. On the evidence available, the JPL here is drastically in need of more staff and additional funds for programing.

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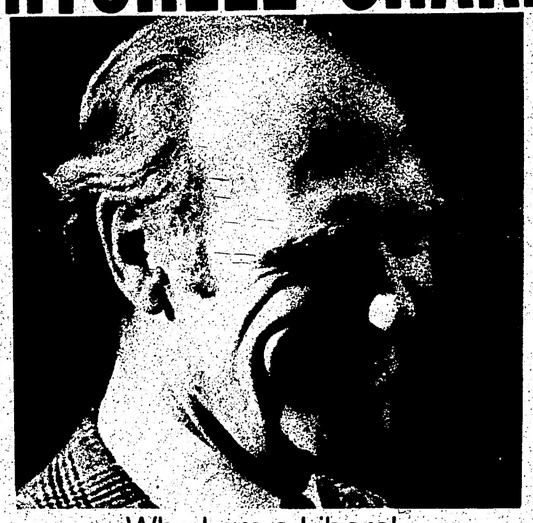

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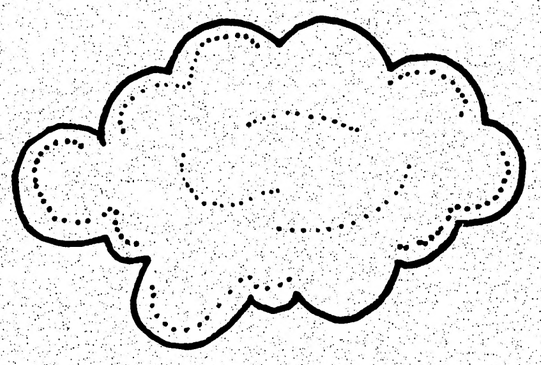

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Sun. July 21	15	18	22	25	29	32	36	39	43
Wed. July 24	15	19	22	26	29	33	36	40	43
Sun. July 28	15	18	22	25	29	32	36	39	43
Wed. July 31	15	19	22	26	29	33	36	40	43
Sun. Aug. 4	15	18	22	25	29	32	36	39	43
Wed. Aug. 7	15	19	22	26	29	33	36	40	43
Sun. Aug. 11	15	18	22	25	29	32	36	39	43
Wed. Aug. 14	15	19	22	26	29	33	36	40	
Sun. Aug. 18	15	18	22	25	29	32	36	43	
Wed. Aug. 21	15	19	22	26	29	33	40	43	
Sun. Aug. 25	15	18	22	25	29	36	39	43	
Wed. Aug. 28	15	19	22	26	33	36	40	43	

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New York attractions

Theme-park concept delights youth

ALBANY, N.Y. – Families vacationing in New York this summer can find many attractions that cater to youthful visitors, says the state department of commerce. The largest number involve the theme-park concept – "Wild West" towns, storybook lands, and the prehistoric and space ages. Other children's lures include amusement park rides, zoos, game farms and aquariums.

The "Old West" atmosphere delights children at Frontier Town near Schroon Lake, and at Carson City, between Cairo and Westerlo. Frontier town regular features gunfights, rodeos and daring rescues of wagon trains. At Carson City, the sheriff must contend with bank holdups, train robberies and shoot-outs. Both sites also offer indian village shows and train and stage coach rides.

Space age activity is highlighted at Time Town, on Coolidge Hill Road south of Bolton Landing. Here are a simulated moon walk, geodesic domes, Celestron telescope and space playground.

Fascinating to youthful visitors are the life-size models of dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures at Dinosaur Land near Brewster, at Mystery Spot Park between Jay and Wilmington, and at Petrified Creatures, Richfield Springs.

Fairyland and legendary characters are the youth lures at Camp Wonderland Storybook Park, south of Wilson; at Enchanted Forest in Old Forge; and at the Land of Makebelieve in Upper Jay. Camp Wonderland visitors see storybook characters in a nursery rhyme village. Those touring the Land of Makebelieve pass through exhibits that have been scaled down to "kid size." At Enchanted Forest, youngsters explore Ali Baba's Cave, pan for gold and board Captain Kidd's pirate ship.

Circus acts and animal exhibits are among the children's offerings at Fantasy Island on Grand Lake in the Niagara Frontier, and at Magic Forest, south of Lake George.

Other theme parks popular with families in the Lake George area are Storytown, USA, and Gaslight Village. Storytown's appeal includes an animated nursery rhyme village, Ghost Town re-enactments of western legends, and a Jungle Land safari through a papier-mache forest. The "good old days" are emphasized at Gaslight Village through "Gay 90's melodramas," silent movies, vaudeville and boardwalk fun houses.

Roller coasters, merry-go-rounds, hot dogs and popcorn provide youngster appeal at these amusement parks: Coney Island in Brooklyn and Rockaways' Playground in Queens, both New York City; Playland at Rye; and Midway Amusement Park on Chautauqua Lake at Maple Springs.

Animal, bird and reptile exhibits provide hours of entertainment for children at the Bronx Zoo, Queen's Zoo and Children's Farm, and Staten Island Zoo, all in New York City; Fox's Zoo, West Sand Lake; Ross Park Zoo, Binghamton; Lollypop Farm, Fairport; Burnet Park Zoo, Syracuse; Delaware Park Zoo, Buffalo; Oppenheim Zoo, Niagara Falls; and Thompson Park Zoo, Watertown.

Equally fascinating for children are these wildlife attractions: Long Island Game Farm, Manorville; Catskill Game Farm, between Cairo and Palenville; Andy Gugel's Game Farm, Eldred; Adirondack Game Farm and Beaversprite Sanctuary, both near Dolgeville; Birch Hill Game Park, Patterson; Sterling Alaska Fur & Game Farm, Ausable Chasm; Home of 1,000 Animals, Lake Placid; and Animal Land, Lake George.

Creatures from the world's lakes, seas and streams can be seen at three Empire State aquariums. In Brooklyn, the New York Aquarium features whales, seals, fish, penguins, turtles and invertebrates from all over the world. At Cape Vincent, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation fisheries station has displays of local species. The Aquarium of Niagara Falls, USA, at Niagara Falls, offers performing dolphins, sea lions, sharks, octopus and other sea life.

Also of interest to children is Denny's Toy Musuem in Springfield Center. Here children can look at toys of the past and watch a magic lantern show.

Additional information on youth attractions is found in Vacationlands New York State, available free from the State Department of Commerce, 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12210.

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Jewish women in Marrakesh, Morocco, pose in festive dress. Only about 25,000 Jews remain in the once thriving community in Morocco. (Tel Aviv Museum)

Prejudice against Jews erodes Moroccan equal rights policy

Jews in Morocco live in unsettled times. Before 1948 about 165,000 Jews lived in French Morocco but now the figure has declined to a pool of 25,000. Each attempt on the life of King Hassan brings shivers to the shrinking community. The former international port of Tangier once had a Jewish population of 30,000 – down to 1,000. M.R. Bull reports.

TANGIER – (JCNS)

Although King Hassan of Morocco has stated several times that his Jewish subjects, now only numbering some 25,000, have the same rights as his Moslem subjects, there has been a certain amount of discrimination and bad feeling against the former ever since the 1967 Six Day War.

The local French language Opposition daily **L'Opinion** has been partly to blame.

However, even during the Yom Kippur War, when news of the casualties suffered by the Moroccan expeditionary force, serving with the Syrian army became public, there was surprisingly little anti-Jewish feeling.

Morocco is still the Arab country with the largest Jewish community. According to Jewish sources, some 25,000 members were living there last year. This compares with some 40,000 in 1971 and 100,000 before Moroccan independence in 1956.

The first Jews are thought to have settled in this North African country before the Arab invasions of the 8th century. Because of persecution, they later withdrew into their own quarters in the towns and cities which became known as mellahs from the local word for salt.

This was because the wretched inhabitants were forced to pickle the heads of rebels and criminals before being stuck on spikes over city gateways.

South of the High Atlas mountains there was even a Ksar (mud walled village) entirely inhabited by Jews.

After expulsion from Spain at the end of the 15th century, many Sephardic Jews settled in Morocco, chiefly in the north.

The Moroccans always found them useful as financiers, money-lenders and traders. Some Jews even held high office at the Sherifian Court.

After independence, Jews and Europeans began leaving Morocco in increasing numbers. Today there are more Moslems than Jews in the mellahs. Most of the foreign Jewish residents have also left.

Last year's Moroccanization laws have concerned them as well as the other foreigners. All agricultural land and farms have been expropriated, so far without compensation. All businesses must now be 51% Moroccan-owned and staffed. Many jobs can only be carried out by Moroccans, or by Moroccan Jews of course.

But although all residents leaving the country must complete numerous formalities, including tax clearance, Moroccan Jews have much less difficulty. They can nail up their possessions in packing cases without the contents being checked and lists having to be submitted to the authorities.

Casablanca, Morocco's economic capital and by far its largest city with 1.5 million inhabitants, still has the biggest Jewish community of some 8,000 members. There are several kosher restaurants along its seafront Corniche.

In Tangier, still very cosmopolitan though no longer an international port, only about 1,000 Moroccan Jews remain of the some 30,000 who formerly lived there.

Few Jews remain in the mellah where, in the narrow, winding Rue des Synagogues, there used to be many houses of worship. Today only three synagogues are left in the street. In all, eight have been closed. A total of nine synagogues are left in Tangier.

Of the others, some have been incorporated in Arab houses and one is now part of a small clothing factory. Only one kosher restaurant, El Dorade, remains. The owner of the other emigrated.

Of the three former Tangier rabbis only the elderly Chief Rabbi Yamin Cohen still continues in office. His status is that of a retired Moroccan civil servant. Occasionally a rabbi comes from Tetuan, a distance of 36 miles, to give his services.

However, the Tangier community still has its Casino Club all of whose members are Jews. Recently too, the local jewelers held their general assembly. Today nearly all jewelers are Moslems but the new committee of their association includes two Jewish members.

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Eddie Creed, Jack Gwartz to head 1975 UJA campaign

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important role he played during the 1967 war when under his chairmanship the golf courses closed down for a day to participate in fund-raising in their clubrooms. From that 1967 campaign evolved the principle of responsible giving to the UJA as a condition of golf club membership.

Creed is a firm believer in missions to Israel as a means of turning on UJA campaigners. "I wish," he said, "that everybody who participates in the 1975 campaign would join us in the President's Mission to Israel -- which leaves Toronto just prior to the campaign opening. We're going to try and get as many campaigners as possible to participate. A UJA mission is the best way to see and understand Israel." Creed has been on two missions and describes them as "memorable occasions in my life."

Equally as important is to know as much as possible about the local agencies supported through the United Jewish Appeal, says Creed, and he plans an intensive educational campaign "so that all of us can find out what goes on in our community."

The Creeds have four daughters and two sons: Simone (Mrs. Ken Florence), Wendy, Dodie and Donna; and Jack and Tom.

The Creeds are members of Holy Blossom Temple.

Gwartz, the 1975 chairman of the UJA campaign planning committee, has been on that committee for the past five years. He is also vice-president of the Jewish National Fund of Toronto and vice-president of the Toronto chapter, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

Gwartz first became involved in working for Israel when he visited there with Murray B. Koffler in 1968 for the official opening of the Lester Pearson chair of biochemistry at the Weizmann Institute. "I started then," he said, "to learn at first hand the facts about Israel and the problems she was facing. Once you are aware of the facts, you realize that as a Jew you have an obligation and responsibility to do everything possible to help."

He became so enthused about the country that he bought an apartment in Natanya and has visited there many times since. His most recent trip was with a Young Women's Leadership Mission, in May, which was headed by his wife, Judy -- who is also actively involved in the UJA -- and Cathy Tile.

Through his association with the UJA Gwartz has become well acquainted with the work of the local agencies and here again he feels that as a committed Jew "it is essential that we accept our responsibility to support our fellow Jews in need no matter where they are. We are a small race and we must help sustain each other if Judaism is to survive."

The new campaign chairman said the UJA campaign leadership did a "fantastic" job last year in reaching out to many members of the community who had been inactive in campaigning for some time. He expressed the hope that this will continue in 1975 and declared that "we urgently need the people who have had campaign experience in the past to work with us to make certain that we succeed once again."

Jack and Judy Gwartz have three children: Shelley, Franklin, and Daniel. They are members of Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Zionists receive awards

JERUSALEM (JCNS) - Two prominent British Zionists were among the four recipients of honorary doctorates awarded by the Bar-Ilan University, Israel's religiously oriented university.

They are Sir Ernst boris Chain and E. Alec Colman. The awards are ocognition of both men's long devotion to Israel and the cause of higher education. Professor Chain is a Nobel Prize laureate for his work on penicillin and Professor of Biochemistry at the University of London. Colman, a property developer, has for many years been active in the British Zionist movement.

The Israelis

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works at the Malton International Trade Center. His pregnant wife is a real estate agent. They own their own condominium apartment on the corner of Finch and Keele.

The Nachman's came here on Nilli's initiative. Nilli had heard from friends that Canada was a land of opportunity. "I thought we'd have a better start here," she said, "and in fact we are doing better here than we could have done in Israel."

Five years ago, Yehuda thought in terms of going back as soon as possible, but in the last few years he has resigned himself to living here indefinitely. One of the things that annoy him about Canadian Jews is their persistence in challenging him as to why he is here, and equating fund-raising with dying for Israel.

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Meir Pear, 26, a native of Haifa, has resided in Toronto for six years. He originally came here to study. After graduating from York University in 1972, he went to work at the Ontario Cancer Research Institute as a research technician. He and his Danish wife live in downtown Toronto.

Meir confesses that he is uncertain as to whether or when he will return to Israel. While he identifies completely with Israel, he makes it clear that his background is no obstacle to integrating himself into Canadian society. "A few years after I arrived, my prejudices dissolved," he says.

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David Cohen, 34, a successful real estate agent who operates his own firm, Daco Real Estate, was born in Baghdad, immigrated to Israel with his entire family in 1951, and arrived in Toronto 10 years ago. Today his family, including two brothers, live here.

A genuine success story, Cohen was a delivery boy, driver, clerk, waiter and salesman before he opened his own business. The Spanish-style home in Thornhill that he and his family live in is symbolic of his success.

He says he left Israel out of a feeling that he could never be successful there. "As a Middle Eastern Jew, there was no way for me to be like the others," he explained.

Three quarters of his friends are fellow Israelis. "The Israelis like to get together; they like to talk and sit together. Togetherness is the essence of their existence. Maybe Canadians are too reserved for many of us."

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Johai Janowitz, 30, was born and raised in Tel Aviv, and came here a few months after the Six Day War. He and his family live in a townhouse in the Don Mills area of Toronto. Janowitz is a computer operator.

He came here not to settle but to explore. "I didn't imagine I'd be here for more than a few months at the most.

"I am an Israeli -- absolutely an Israeli," he declares. "I want to go back, and even if I stay here for the next 10 years I'll always think of returning. My bags are still unpacked. I like it here in Canada, but there is nothing like Israel. I admit it, I have a strong guilt complex about being here, but I don't try to rationalize it."

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Benny Markovzky, 28, owns and operates a truck. He has been in Canada since 1968 and in Toronto since 1969. Prior to going into business for himself, he was an hydraulic fitter. His wife Lilly is also an Israeli. They live in Willowdale.

Benny claims that he would like to return if the conditions are right. "Canada is cold with cold people, Israel is hot with hot people," he says. "I'm an Israeli; I never think that I am a Canadian as well." Yet Benny will probably not leave his adopted country. "Life in Israel, especially for young couples, is too tough."

Most of his friends here are Israelis. "We understand each other," he says. "We are all Sabras."

He paused.

"In a sense, none of us has ever left Israel."

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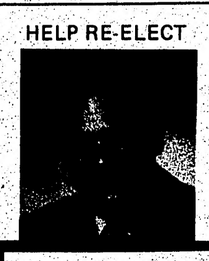

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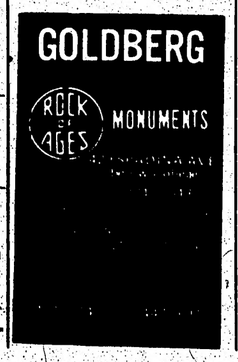

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Individuality displayed in wide variety of roles

By LYNN SLOTKIN

Interviewing Marvin Goldhar is like playing straight-man to Henny Youngman, Bugs Bunny and Mason Reese (that pudgy-punimed kid who does all those food commercials) all rolled into one.

Goldhar has a special kind of individuality that sets him apart from other "zanies" and has made him what seems to be the king of the commercials; be it the fellow suffering from indigestion, or the voice of the Jolly Green Giant's helper, or the voice of Dennis the Menace, Goldhar has done it.

This individuality developed early. While it seems that almost every present-day famous Jewish member of Toronto's political, show-biz and business circles went to Harbord Collegiate, Goldhar went to Bloor and later Oakwood Collegiate, (although he seems to recall that he and a friend did put on a comedy show there, but were probably "kicked out because the show was too dirty.")

Luck seems to have always been on his side. When he was in grade 12, he and his partner, Ron Satok, decided there was room for another team besides Wayne and Shuster on the radio, so they auditioned for a radio program, got the job and were on the show every week.

He left that because he was married, was making only $20 a week and felt it would be a little difficult to support a family. He went into the family hardware business and eventually went into his own store, which he says, "was successful in spite of me."

Marvin Goldhar

But the acting bug was always there. He involved himself in amateur theatre. Someone saw him and that led to commercials. He had to make a decision -- the hardware business or show business -- he chose the latter, and as he says "I haven't been sorry . . . I make a comfortable living . . . we're not on the street."

Presently, to keep his hand in the theatre, he is in rehearsal with a new play, **The Only Way To Live**, being presented by the Performing Theatre Company, at the Central Library Theatre starting July 8. Last year he did **Last Of The Red-Hot Lovers** at the Colonnade Theatre.

Goldhar is one of those lucky people who loves doing what he does. He says, "I like doing anything I'm doing at the time . . . I like commercials because there's a character involved there, and I'm basically a character actor; I'm not just another pretty face."

When asked if he would mind if his son (who is 16; his daughter is 18) went into the business, he said that he wouldn't, that it was a marvellous business in spite of the fact that everyone was a "couch-case".

He explained: "I say everybody's a couch-case because I don't think you can name another profession where a person goes out day after day and faces rejection day after day after day and goes back for more."

There are a few experiences he would like to forget such as the last **Spring Thaw**. He feels the script wasn't funny (true, true). "There's nothing worse than that, telling a dirty joke and nobody laughs" (true, true).

It's hard imagining people not laughing when Goldhar's around. He feels that might be one of the reasons he doesn't get many serious parts; he keeps "cutting up" at the auditions.

After a half hour, after the wit and humor kept tumbling so effortlessly complete with grins, laughs, and impish looks, Goldhar brought the proceedings to an end. He said, "I sound boring after a half an hour." Marvin, Henny, Bugs and Mason, don't you believe it.

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Plan for holidays

TORONTO -
Shaar Sholom Congregation, the new Conservative synagogue in the northeast area of the city, has decided to hold High Holiday services in the auditorium at the Fairview Mall.

About 130 persons attended a recent meeting of the congregation at Don Valley Junior High. The synagogue decided to build a congregation in Don Mills-Steeles area and land is now being sought.

The congregation also decided it will hold Hebrew classes for kindergarten, grade one and two. It will expand each year by one grade. Classes will be held at Steeles View Public School. An adult education program will also start in the fall.

The northeast area of Metro has a population of about 20,000 Jews. Organizers of Shaar Sholom says there ought to be a choice of synagogues available to Conservative Jews. Beth Tikvah is the current Conservative synagogue in the area.

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Worry over reaction

JERUSALEM (JTA) -
Political sources here are concerned that the extreme reaction by Arab leaders to Israel's bombing of terrorist bases in Lebanon may delay the start of the Geneva peace talks conference scheduled for autumn. Statements last week by Arab political leaders as well as comments in the leading Arab newspapers are seen here as part of a war of nerves intended to soften Israel's position before the next round of talks begin.

The sources indicated the talks were scheduled to resume in Geneva in the autumn after a period of relaxation in the Middle East which would build up a proper atmosphere for negotiations. However, the recent threats of military action against Israel from Cairo and Damascus indicated here that the two Arab capitals were not doing anything to cool down the area. Both Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Defence Minister Shimon Peres said Israel would not make any additional peace moves unless she was convinced that Egypt and Syria really want to make constructive efforts for peace. A continuation of the new anti-Israeli attacks might, therefore, slow down the process to an overall settlement.

Gen. Mordechai Gur, chief of staff, indicated on the radio recently that Israel will continue with the preemptive raids on terrorist camps despite the Arab protests. "Further action may be possible in the very near future," he said. However, there were no Israeli attacks over the past two weekends. This was explained here as "wait and see attitude." According to security sources, Israel now wants to see if Lebanon will act to halt terrorist operations from her territory. If so, Israel will cut down her action in Lebanese territory, according to the sources.

Arts

Ambitious film proves to be rapturous musical celebration

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Rachel (Efrat Lavie) and her father (Yehuda Efroni — second from left) listen as Janosh (Joseph Graber) warns Kazablan (Yehoran Gaon) against causing further trouble in "Kazablan", a MGM release at the Glendale.

Kazablan, which had its Canadian premiere last week at the Glendale, must rank as one of the most ambitious films ever undertaken by the budding Israeli film industry.

A picturesque, effervescent musical modelled after **West Side Story**, **Kazablan** is indeed cinema on a grand Hollywood scale. It is replete with whirling dancers, serenading singers, flamboyant characters and soaring wide-angle color photography.

Like many films of its genre, **Kazablan** -- an MGM release -- is full of papier mache characters whose lines are often trite, irrelevant and perhaps overly melodramatic. As a result of mediocre dialogue, character development is all but non-existent, with the emphasis having been placed on choreography, musical arrangement, photography and sets.

Produced and directed by one of Israel's most popular movie personalities, Menahem Golan, **Kazablan** is an impressive film as musicals go. Yehoram Gaon, the only actor in the film who may be known to a Western audience, is really a singer rather than an actor. As a vocalist, Gaon is probably unrivalled in his sheer ability to inject joy, vitality and charisma into a song. Unfortunately, however, Gaon lacks depth as an actor.

Gaon plays the part of a ne'er-do-well Moroccan gang leader, Kazablan, who tries to win the heart of Rachel, a soft, dewy-eyed Polish beauty portrayed by Efrat Lavie. Competing with Kazablan for Rachel's affection is Janosh, a grasping, dishonest Hungarian shoe merchant who attempts to convince her parents that a nice Ashkenazic girl should stay clear of a vulgar Moroccan boy.

The conflict between Janosh and Kazablan for the hand of Rachel, fraught with definite sociological overtones, is the theme which runs through the entire movie -- the thread which invests an otherwise somewhat rambling two hour film with a measure of continuity.

A secondary plot, far less important, revolves around the running dispute between dwellers of the Jaffa slum quarter and the Tel Aviv municipality. The boisterous residents of this delapidated neighborhood want to live out their lives in Jaffa, but city hall decrees otherwise. Indeed, a good part of the action in **Kazablan** takes place in Jaffa, particularly around the old port area, which today is largely inhabited by poor Oriental Jews and Arabs who did not flee from Israel during the 1948 War of Independence.

The cameraman, David Gurfinkel, whose work is up to international standards, has done his work extremely well -- capturing on celuloid the crumbling and at times ugly vistas of Jaffa, the overflowing market places and the fresh blue-green quality of the near-by shimmering Mediterranean Sea. On the wide-screen, the photography is so effective that one can practically scent the brine of the sea and the wet-stone dampness of eternal Jaffa.

The choreography is among the soundest accomplishment of **Kazablan**. Lunging and twirling to the beat of a gay, abandoned musical score, composed by Dov Seltzer, the supple male and female dancers perform with phantasmogoric grace as they tip-toe their way through the dank alleys of Jaffa to the sophisticated ambience of Tiffany's discotheque at the Dan Hotel, in Tel Aviv.

Unfortunately, **Kazablan** is marred because the original Hebrew soundtrack has been dubbed into English. Hebrew is a direct, gutsy language and English simply cannot compete with it on a visceral level. Yehoram Gaon's joyful songs sound somewhat limp and pallid, while the naturalistic dialogue has been sadly deprived of its zest.

In spite of this disastrous fault, **Kazablan** is a film well worth seeing. It is a rapturous celebration of song and dance, a sparkling testament to the fact that Israeli cinema is capable of having a bright future.

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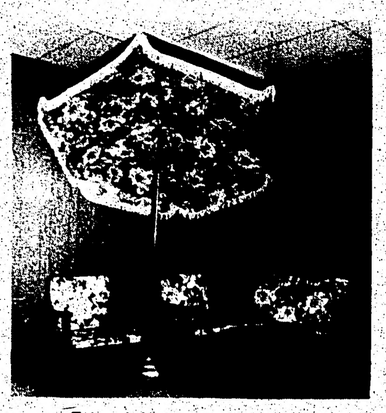

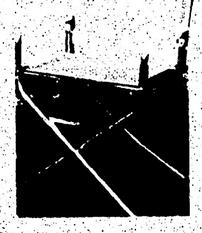

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